

# 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC Quarterly Progress Report For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2006

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#### **OVERVIEW**

800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC ("TA") provides its Quarterly Progress Report to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") regarding the progress of the reconfiguration of the 800 MHz band for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. Pursuant to the FCC's *Reconfiguration Orders*, <sup>1</sup> the TA, <sup>2</sup> as the manager of the reconfiguration effort, is required to report on a quarterly basis the progress of band reconfiguration.<sup>3</sup>

The band reconfiguration program generally consists of two broad stages of activity: the clearing of 806-809 MHz/851-854 MHz (Channels 1-120), and the relocation of Public Safety's NPSPAC channel users to this vacated spectrum. In the first stage, as of the end of April 2006, the TA continues to see progress commensurate with expectations:

- Over half of all licensees in Channels 1-120, accounting for 42% of all call signs, have an entered into an approved Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement ("FRA").
- 87% of all Wave 1, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120) call signs and 65% of all Wave 2, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120) call signs are now under an approved FRA. Further, it must be noted that the total number of call signs to be reconfigured in these waves includes several large Economic Area ("EA") licensees currently in mediation with Sprint Nextel, as well as licensees within the Canadian border region in the Northeast U.S. that are as yet unable to enter into an FRA.
- 13 NPSPAC Regions across Waves 1 and 2 have completed Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements for at least 80 percent or more of the site-specific calls signs for Channels 1-120.

<sup>1</sup> Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, Report and Order, Fifth Report and Order, Fourth Memorandum Opinion and Order, and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 14969 (2004) ("Report and Order"); as amended by Erratum, WT Docket No. 02-55 (rel. Sept. 10, 2005); Second Erratum, 19 FCC Rcd 19651 (2004); Public Notice, "Commission Seeks Comment on Ex Parte Presentations and Extends Certain Deadlines Regarding the 800 MHz Public Safety Interference Proceeding," 19 FCC Rcd 21492 (2004); Third Erratum, 19 FCC Rcd 21818 (2004); Supplemental Order and Order on Reconsideration, 19 FCC Rcd 25120 (2004) ("Supplemental Order"); Erratum, WT Docket No. 02-55 (rel. Jan. 19, 2005); Memorandum Opinion and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 16015 (2005) ("Memorandum Opinion and Order") (collectively "Reconfiguration Orders").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC is the Transition Administrator for the reconfiguration of the 800 MHz band mandated by the FCC. 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC has contracted with BearingPoint, Inc. ("BearingPoint"), Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. ("SSD"), and Baseline Telecom, Inc. ("BTI") (each a "TA Members" and collectively "TA Members") to perform the duties of the TA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 90.676(b)(3). In the *Report and Order*, the FCC specified that quarterly progress reports are to include the TA's expenses and salary. *Report and Order*, 19 FCC Rcd at 15123, ¶ 327. However, this requirement does not appear in Rule 90.676(b)(3). Nonetheless, the TA intends to provide this information in each quarterly progress report. *See* Appendix 10.

 Much of the physical retuning, or reconfiguration implementation, work is proceeding on schedule. 19 NPSPAC Regions across Waves 1 and 2 have physically cleared one third or more of their 1-120 channels, and 6 NPSPAC Regions have cleared at least half of their channels. Reconfiguration implementation was complete for 297 FRAs as of April 28, 2006.

The TA concludes at this time that the program's important goal of clearing at least 20 NPSPAC Regions within the first 18 months <sup>4</sup> remains achievable, provided that those parties with agreements outstanding make every effort to arrange for retuning to occur within the time frames prescribed by the TA's Regional Prioritization Plan ("RPP").<sup>5</sup>

Generally speaking, Wave 2, Stage 1 negotiations proceeded more expeditiously than those in Wave 1, Stage 1, with 35% of licensee agreements being referred to Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") at the conclusion of mandatory negotiations, vs. 47% in Wave 1, Stage 1. Wave 2 was a smaller wave both in terms of the number of agreements to be completed and the number of Public Safety licensees with 1-120 channels. Furthermore, the TA incorporated feedback from participants in Wave 1, Stage 1 mediation to improve the ADR process going forward.

With the mandatory negotiation period for Wave 3, Stage 1 nearly halfway complete, only 46 out of a total of 316 licensee agreements (15%) have been completed, with 165 Public Safety licensee agreements outstanding. As Public Safety reconfiguration agreements generally take longer to complete, the TA once again anticipates a significant number of agreements being referred to ADR. All parties in the Southeastern U.S. – Sprint Nextel, Southern Company, Public Safety, and other commercial licensees – must be considerably more aggressive in their efforts to reach agreements, including seeking early mediation from the TA when progress is not being made. By contrast, the TA expects Wave 4, Stage 1 to be less challenging, border areas notwithstanding, as it is the smallest wave in the 1-120 clearing process, with 157 licensee agreements to be completed (not including border areas). In a Public Notice issued March 3, 2006, the FCC deferred the start date of voluntary negotiations for Wave 4, Stage 1 to July 3, 2006, as the United States is engaged in ongoing discussions with the Mexican and Canadian governments concerning 800 MHz border area issues. However, 18 Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements for licensees outside the border areas have already been negotiated between parties and approved by the TA.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In its Petition for Reconsideration of the *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, Sprint Nextel has requested that the FCC clarify that Sprint Nextel has discretion to select which 20 NPSPAC Regions will be subject to the 18-month benchmark.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Regional Prioritization Plan of the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed Jan. 31, 2005), as amended Feb. 18, 2005 ("RPP").

The second stage of the program is the relocation of Public Safety NPSPAC channels into the cleared spectrum. Pursuant to the FCC's January 31, 2006 letter to the TA, the TA filed several schedule recommendations with the FCC on March 29, 2006:

- Extension of the mandatory negotiations deadline for Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) to October 31, 2006, to better accommodate the very large size of this wave and Public Safety's required planning activities,
- Commencement of voluntary negotiations for Wave 2, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) on August 1, 2006, and
- Commencement of voluntary negotiations for Wave 3, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) on November 1, 2006.

These recommendations do not alter the basic structure of the 36-month schedule. The FCC concurred with the TA's recommendations in a Public Notice issued on March 31, 2006 and in an Order released May 26, 2006.

In the Quarterly Progress Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, the TA communicated several recommendations to stakeholders for improving the reconfiguration process, the most significant of which was that negotiations between parties must begin as soon in the process as possible. For Public Safety, engaging in the process often includes planning activities and, if needed, obtaining funding for these activities. At the conclusion of the first quarter of 2006, it is clear that all parties must step up their efforts if the NPSPAC relocation is to stay on schedule:

- Negotiations between Sprint Nextel and Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) Public Safety licensees are largely still in their early stages; at this time, only 3 agreements out of more than 400 have been submitted to the TA for review. The mandatory negotiation period began on May 1, 2006.
- While both the number of Public Safety planning funding requests and negotiated agreements has increased sharply since the TA's implementation of a revised process in February 2006, they have not increased enough given the size of the Wave 1, Stage 2 population. At this time, only 97 Public Safety licensees have requested planning funding, 51 of which are in Wave 1, Stage 2. 28 Planning Funding Agreements ("PFAs") totaling \$4,840,000 have been negotiated by parties, of which 21 PFAs are for Wave 1, Stage 2.

Planning is essential because it fulfills two key prerequisites for reconfiguration: a cost estimate for retuning, on which the licensee and Sprint Nextel must agree, and an implementation plan that must be coordinated with the licensee's vendors and other agencies that may operate on the licensee's system. For smaller Public Safety systems, generally those with 500 or fewer subscriber units, planning activities and associated costs should be minimal, and the TA recommends incorporating these into the Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement. However, for larger, more complex systems, planning is more involved and since many agencies have limited budgets and resources, advance funding is often required.

To address the planning funding issue, the TA undertook several significant actions in the first quarter. First, the TA worked with stakeholders to implement a revised process in which requests are sent directly to the TA and held to a deadline for negotiation, providing both greater

visibility and timeliness in the overall process. Second, the TA augmented its Public Safety outreach effort to proactively engage licensees and assist them as needed with getting planning activities underway. While these efforts did yield improvements, planning and negotiation activities still did not increase to a level commensurate with the schedule. The TA therefore recently convened a series of three-way discussions with Sprint Nextel and Public Safety leadership, to develop alternative solutions for getting licensees engaged. A key outcome of these discussions is that Sprint Nextel has agreed, using data and analysis provided by the TA and reviewed by Public Safety leadership, to "fast track" negotiations for certain planning funding requests that fall within guidelines to be published by the TA.

Under the fast track planning funding option, Sprint Nextel has agreed to enter into a Planning Funding Agreement for any planning funding request that equates to no more than \$55 per subscriber unit operated by the licensee and that conforms to all program guidelines. Licensees with planning funding requests that fall outside these fast track guidelines will still be able to follow the existing process. The fast track planning funding option was announced by the TA at the International Wireless Communications Expo ("IWCE") in Las Vegas on May 18, 2006. On May 23, 2006, the TA, numerous Public Safety Associations, and Sprint Nextel jointly released a press statement based on the IWCE announcement. The TA believes that this agreement will significantly benefit both the program and the majority of licensees by streamlining negotiations and enabling licensees to more quickly obtain advance funding and complete their planning. The TA expects to publish more detailed guidance to licensees associated with this development in the first half of June 2006.

In addition to the recommendations described in the Quarterly Progress Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, the TA further advises the vendor community that is supporting reconfiguration:

- Plan your resource needs in advance. The TA is already aware of several instances in which a lack of vendor planning resources has led to delay. Several key vendors are in regular communication with the TA regarding the status of their statements of work, and the TA encourages other vendors to be proactive in this area in order to better forecast the resources needed to service their customers.
- Use caution in proposing "one size fits all" planning services that may not be appropriate in all situations. Unnecessary activities or costs only slow negotiations and TA reviews; in fact, most disputes between parties during negotiations are not over incumbent costs but rather vendor costs.

In summary, progress in the Channels 1-120 clearing stage of the program is in line with expectations, and while the first quarter of 2006 has seen improvements in Public Safety planning and preparations, these improvements remain insufficient. The TA is therefore working closely with Public Safety leadership and Sprint Nextel to develop solutions that will make it easier for Public Safety licensees to complete the process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Press Release, "800 MHz Transition Administrator, Public Safety Leadership and Sprint Nextel Announce Fast Track Option for Planning Funding" (rel. May 23, 2006), available at http://www.800TA.org/content/news/2006/05\_23\_06.asp ("Fast Track Press Release").

#### I. RECONFIGURATION PROGRESS

In this section of the Quarterly Progress Report, the TA will summarize the status of negotiations as of the quarter ended March 31, 2006 (with a snapshot of progress through the end of April 2006), discuss issues identified during the first nine months of this three year program, and describe process changes and other specific actions the TA has taken to address issues identified to date.

#### A. Overview of Status Against Schedule

Through March 31, 2006, 46 percent of licensees with Channels 1-120 in all Waves had reached agreement with Sprint Nextel regarding their system reconfiguration. By April 28, 2006, this total increased to 51 percent.

Reconfiguration commenced on June 27, 2005, with voluntary negotiations for Channels 1-120 licensees in Wave 1, Stage 1. The voluntary and mandatory negotiation periods for Wave 1, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120) licensees, and for Wave 2, Stage 1 licensees as described in the TA's RPP, have both concluded, on December 26, 2005 and April 2, 2006, respectively. Stage 1 (Channels 1-120) licensees of all waves are primarily small commercial, conventional systems that must be cleared from Channels 1-120 before NPSPAC channels Public Safety systems can be addressed.

The FCC issued a letter to the TA on January 31, 2005 offering guidance with respect to potential modification of the rebanding schedule and the scope of the TA's authority to act upon requests for certain adjustments of the schedule or modifications of individual deadlines. Consistent with its role as the manager of the reconfiguration program, the TA is constantly monitoring the reconfiguration schedule and considering adjustments based on evolving events and program progress to date.

On February 3, 2006, the TA amended the RPP by moving Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands (NPSPAC Regions 47 and 48 respectively) from Wave 2 to Wave 3.8 The TA determined that there are unique and complex spectrum issues in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands that were affected by the FCC's *Memorandum Opinion & Order* that required this amendment of the RPP. The call sign and contract information in this Quarterly Progress Report has been adjusted to account for this schedule change.

Wave 4, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120), originally scheduled to start on April 3, 2006, will commence on July 3, 2006 based upon the FCC's March 3, 2006 Public Notice. In addition, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Letter from C. Seidel to R. Kelly, "800 MHz Transition Administrator Rebanding Timetable," WT Docket No. 02-55 (Jan. 31, 2006).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See 800 MHz Transition Administrator's Ex Parte Notification, WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed Feb. 3, 2006).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Public Notice*, "Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Revises 800 MHz Band Reconfiguration Negotiation Timetable for Wave 4, Phase 1 Licensees," WT Docket No. 02-55, DA 06-526 (rel. Mar. 3, 2006).

TA announced that the start date for negotiations for Wave 4, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) is also moved by three months from October 2, 2006 to February 1, 2007. Neither of these actions affects the 36-month timeline for completion of 800 MHz rebanding, as provided in the *Report and Order*.

Based upon the guidance in the FCC's January 31, 2006 Letter, the TA suggested, in a March 29, 2006 filing with the FCC, <sup>11</sup> several modifications to the reconfiguration schedule. After assessing the status of band reconfiguration, consulting with major stakeholders in the rebanding process, and analyzing several potential adjustments to the schedule, the TA recommended the following proposed modifications to the rebanding schedule:

- Extend the deadline for completion of mandatory negotiations for Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC and Expansion Band relocations) by three months to October 31, 2006; and
- Commence voluntary negotiations for Wave 2, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) on August 1, 2006 and for Wave 3, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) on November 1, 2006. This suggested change would update the "PN Window" in the RPP wherein individual NPSPAC Regions would start on different dates within the windows to set a definitive start date for negotiations for all regions in the Wave.

In a Public Notice released March 31, 2006, the FCC concurred with the TA's recommendations to defer the start date for Wave 2, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) until August 1, 2006 and the start date for Wave 3, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) until November 1, 2006. Accordingly, pursuant to the revised schedule, the three-month voluntary negotiation period for Wave 2, Stage 2 licensees will begin on August 1, 2006 and end on October 31, 2006. The three-month mandatory negotiation period for these licensees will begin on November 1, 2006 and end on January 31, 2007. In addition, the three-month voluntary negotiation period for Wave 3, Stage 2 licensees will begin on November 1, 2006 and end on January 31, 2007. The three-month mandatory negotiation period for these licensees will begin on February 1, 2007 and end on April 30, 2007. Separately, in an Order released May 26, 2006, the FCC concurred with the TA's recommendation to extend the end date for mandatory negotiations in Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) to October 31, 2006.

The TA is constantly monitoring the reconfiguration schedule. The TA is specifically tracking the potential impact on the schedule of certain Wave 1, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120) licensees who will not complete reconfiguration implementation by the June 30, 2006 deadline

<sup>11</sup> Letter from R. Kelly to C. Seidel, "800 MHz Transition Administrator Rebanding Timetable," WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed Mar. 29, 2006).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Letter from R. Kelly to M. Wilhelm, WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed May 17, 2006).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> *Public Notice*, "Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Revision of the Start Date for Negotiations between Sprint Nextel and NPSPAC Licensees Assigned to Waves 2 and 3 of 800 MHz Band Reconfiguration," WT Docket No. 02-55, DA 06-767 (rel. Mar. 31, 2006) ("Waves 2 and 3 NPSPAC Start Date Public Notice").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, Order, WT Docket No. 02-55, FCC 06-76 (rel. May 26, 2006) ("Wave 1, Stage 2 Order").

set forth in the RPP. The TA is monitoring this issue and actively working with NPSPAC licensees and Sprint Nextel to manage their reconfiguration schedules to relocate all impacted licensees in a timely and efficient manner that avoid interference problems.

## B. Overview of Negotiations Wave 1, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120)

The Alternative Dispute Resolution, or mediation, period for Wave 1, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120) licensees began on December 27, 2005. On that date, the TA opened mediation dockets (or "cases") for 172 incumbent licensees, including 63 Public Safety licensees, that had not negotiated (or filed with the TA) FRAs governing the reconfiguration of their call signs.

As the TA indicated in its Quarterly Progress Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, although substantive disagreements often separated incumbent licensees and Sprint Nextel, the need for many mediations was attributable to the failure of the parties to commence negotiations or exchange information on a timely and regular basis during the voluntary and mandatory negotiation periods. This was especially apparent with regard to the negotiation of Planning Funding Agreements. The structure provided by mediation expedited the negotiation process, facilitated the exchange of information, and resulted in negotiated agreements between the parties.

Substantive disagreements between licensees and Sprint Nextel frequently involved the costs of reconfiguration. Often, these disputes were attributable to the parties' failure to exchange detailed information or, when such information was exchanged, to articulate the basis for their disagreement. Other issues presented by the mediations, to a lesser extent than costs, were the comparability of frequencies and equipment, the timing of reconfiguration, and various provisions of the parties' FRAs.

As of March 31, 2006, 154 mediation dockets had been resolved through the negotiation of FRAs or the cancellation or assignment of licenses; 13 resulted in PFAs with FRAs still to be negotiated; and one licensee was granted additional time to complete the negotiation of a PFA. Although eight mediation dockets had initially been referred to the Chief of the Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division ("PSCID") for de *novo* review, three of these licensees subsequently resolved the issues in dispute with Sprint Nextel. As of March 31, 2006, only five such mediations were pending before the PSCID for *de novo* review. (The parties to one of the mediations pending before the PSCID successfully negotiated a PFA, but still had issues in dispute requiring resolution by the FCC.)

As of May 12, 2006, 156 mediation dockets were resolved through the negotiation of FRAs or the cancellation or assignment of licenses; 13 resulted in PFAs with FRAs still to be negotiated upon the completion of the planning contemplated by the PFAs; and four mediations remain pending before the PSCID for *de novo* review (one of which, as noted above, involves a successfully negotiated PFA, but with issues in dispute requiring resolution by the FCC).

In summary, mediation has been successful in expediting the negotiation process between the parties and in resolving contentious issues, which has resulted in numerous Wave 1, Stage 1 FRAs being submitted to the TA.

In addition to the 172 mediation dockets opened for traditional Channels 1-120 licensees, the TA opened four mediation dockets for Wave 1, Stage 1 EA licensees that had been given the option to file new elections or modifications to previous elections to relocate to or remain in the ESMR Band by the FCC's *Memorandum Opinion and Order*. All of these mediation dockets remain open.

## **C.** <u>Wave 2, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120)</u>

In anticipation of the start of Wave 2, Stage 1 ADR, the TA undertook a comprehensive review of the Wave 1, Stage 1 mediation process. Input was solicited from TA Mediators, Sprint Nextel, and incumbent licensees that had gone through the mediation process. As a consequence of theses consultations, the ADR Plan was revised in a number of respects and Version 1.2 of the ADR Plan was filed with the FCC on March 20, 2006 and posted on the TA's website. Among other things, the changes in the ADR Plan focused on early issue identification, the prompt exchange of information between the parties, and the deferral of the filing of Proposed Resolution Memoranda until the issues in dispute have been more clearly framed. The ADR Plan was also revised to incorporate the procedures announced by the FCC with respect to the *de novo* review of the recommendations of TA Mediators. In addition, new materials were prepared, and new processes were initiated, to assist TA Mediators. TA Mediators were evaluated and additional TA Mediator training was conducted to review and implement the changes in the ADR Plan and processes.

Prior to the formal start of the ADR period for Wave 2, Stage 1, the TA received, investigated and granted 14 requests for mediation involving Wave 2, Stage 1 licensees during the mandatory negotiation period.

The ADR period for Wave 2, Stage 1 licensees began on April 3, 2006. On that date, the TA opened 75 mediation dockets, in addition to the 14 that had been previously opened, for a total of 89 Wave 2, Stage 1 mediation dockets. Of these 89 mediation dockets, 23 involved Public Safety licensees.

As of the end of the mediation period on May 12, 2006, 80 mediation dockets were resolved through the negotiation of FRAs or the cancellation or assignment of licenses, and 3 resulted in the negotiation of PFAs with FRAs still to be negotiated upon the completion of the planning contemplated by the PFAs.

#### D. Status of Negotiations for Waves 3-4

#### 1. **Wave 3, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120)**

On January 3, 2006, reconfiguration formally began for the nine NPSPAC Regions in Wave 3, Stage 1 with the start of the voluntary negotiation period. Wave 3, Stage 1 has a disproportionate number of transactions given the relatively fewer number of NPSPAC Regions assigned to the Wave. This Wave includes the Southeastern United States, which has an expanded ESMR band plan that requires additional licensees to be relocated out of 813.5-817

MHz/858.5-862 MHz as part of Stage 1.<sup>14</sup> This expanded range includes more Public Safety licensees than in prior Waves that covered only 806-809 MHz/851-854 MHz, which is more heavily licensed with commercial entities.

Through March 31, 2006, the TA received and approved 35 FRAs for Wave 3, Stage 1 (Channels 1–120 plus the Southeastern ESMR band) licensees out of an expected total of 311 FRAs needed to clear the General Category portion of the 800 MHz band and the expanded ESMR band in the Southeastern United States. Through April 28, 2006, Sprint Nextel submitted an additional 13 FRAs for Wave 3, Stage 1 licensees. Based on these numbers, the TA believes that there could be a significant number of incomplete agreements at the end of the Wave 3, Stage 1 mandatory negotiation period on July 2, 2006. The TA believes that parties must be aggressive in reaching agreements and in seeking mediation assistance where appropriate in order to complete negotiations on schedule. The TA is also working with parties to identify situations where it would be appropriate to begin mediation early, before the end of the mandatory negotiation period.

## 2. **Wave 4, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120)**

Through March 31, 2006, the TA received and approved 17 FRAs for Wave 4, Stage 1 (Channels 1–120) licensees out of an expected total of 156 FRAs needed to clear the General Category portion of the 800 MHz band. Through April 28, 2006, Sprint Nextel submitted two additional FRAs for a Wave 4, Stage 1 licensee.

The FCC, in coordination with the U.S. State Department, is continuing its dialogue with the Governments of Mexico and Canada.

#### E. Status of Negotiations for Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC)

The 800 MHz band reconfiguration process for NPSPAC channels in the NPSPAC Regions assigned to Wave 1 began on February 1, 2006, with the commencement of the voluntary negotiation period.<sup>15</sup>

For schedule management purposes, during the first quarter of 2006, the TA made available to Wave 1 NPSPAC channels licensees an online tool that allows them to review progress on reconfiguring Channels 1-120 specifically impacting their call signs. The TA also releases periodic progress reports on a regional basis concerning the progress of Channels 1-120 reconfigurations.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Given that many of the Public Safety licensees in the ESMR band may also be NPSPAC channels licensees, the TA in the RPP provided flexibility in negotiating the timing of the actual reconfiguration of ESMR channels (*see* RPP at 33-34). In addition, there is no Guard Band in the Southeastern U.S.; however, there is an Expansion Band (812.5-813.5 MHz/857.5-858.5 MHz, except within a seventy-mile radius of Atlanta where it is located at 813-813.5 MHz/858-858.5 MHz) from which Public Safety licensees will be relocated unless they elect to stay.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Wave 1 NPSPAC Public Notice.

Once again, Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) is the largest of the NPSPAC channel reconfiguration Stages, with more than 400 agreements to be completed between Sprint Nextel and Public Safety agencies. These agreements generally are larger and more complex than those negotiated with commercial enterprises in Channels 1-120. Through March 31, 2006, the TA received 3 FRAs and approved 2 FRAs for NPSPAC licensees. Two of the FRA submissions were for Wave 1, Stage 2 licensees and one was for a Wave 2, Stage 2 licensee. As of April 28, 2006, the TA received and approved 1 additional FRA for a Wave 1, Stage 2 licensee.

Pursuant to the FCC's instructions, the TA recommended adjustments to the reconfiguration schedule on March 29, 2006. In a Public Notice released March 31, 2006, the FCC concurred with the TA's recommendations to defer the start date for Wave 2, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) until August 1, 2006 and the start date for Wave 3, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) until November 1, 2006. Accordingly, pursuant to the revised schedule, the three-month voluntary negotiation period for Wave 2, Stage 2 licensees will begin on August 1, 2006 and end on October 31, 2006. The three-month mandatory negotiation period for these licensees will begin on November 1, 2006 and end on January 31, 2007. In addition, the three-month voluntary negotiation period for Wave 3, Stage 2 licensees will begin on November 1, 2006 and end on January 31, 2007. The three-month mandatory negotiation period for these licensees will begin on February 1, 2007 and end on April 30, 2007. Separately, in an Order released May 26, 2006, the FCC concurred with the TA's recommendation to extend the end date for mandatory negotiations in Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) to October 31, 2006.

#### F. Planning Funding

At the start of the quarter, the progress of planning funding was a major area of concern with fewer Planning Funding Agreements ("PFAs") submitted to the TA for review than anticipated. In communicating with stakeholders it was evident that sufficient progress was not being made in moving the planning funding process forward, and the TA determined that refinement of the process was required. The TA implemented a number of changes during this quarter to address the issue.

First, the TA took a more active oversight role. Prior to February 2006, licensees submitted Request for Planning Funding ("RFPF") forms directly to Sprint Nextel for consideration in negotiating Planning Funding Agreements. Beginning February 1, 2006, the TA changed the process so that licensees submit RFPF forms directly to the TA rather than to Sprint Nextel. The TA reviews the RFPF forms for completeness before forwarding them to Sprint Nextel.

The TA's initial review confirms that the RFPF and supporting documentation submission conforms to TA instructions and guidance. All planning activities and costs,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Any changes to estimated deal numbers from previous Quarterly Progress Reports are the result of how Sprint Nextel structures deals with licensees (*i.e.*, deals cancelled or consolidated).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Waves 2 and 3 NPSPAC Start Date Public Notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Wave 1, Stage 2 Order.

including rates identified, are subject to negotiations between Sprint Nextel and the licensee. The TA contacts both the licensee and Sprint Nextel on a regular basis to monitor the progress of negotiations. Once a PFA is reached, it is submitted to the TA for review of the planning costs.

Second, the TA implemented timelines for the parties to negotiate PFAs. Once the TA forwards an RFPF to Sprint Nextel, Sprint Nextel is required to contact the licensee within 5 calendar days to initiate negotiations of a PFA. During the voluntary negotiation period, if a licensee and Sprint Nextel have not reached an agreement on planning funding within 60 calendar days from Sprint Nextel's receipt of an RFPF, the TA will recommend that the parties enter into TA mediation. If the parties have entered the mandatory negotiation period, then TA mediation is mandatory.

As shown in Table 1 below, these changes have resulted in a significant increase in the number of RFPFs being forwarded to Sprint Nextel for consideration in negotiating Planning Funding Agreements with licensees.

Table 1: Number of RFPFs Forwarded by the TA to Sprint Nextel by Month (After February 1, 2006)\*

	February	March	April	May	Cumulative
Totals	13	22	15	28	78

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Based on the updates received from Sprint Nextel prior to February 1, 2006, Sprint Nextel received 41 RFPFs from incumbents.

As of May 11, 2006, Public Safety licensees had submitted 72 RFPFs to the TA, with 46 of them coming from Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) licensees. The TA also received 6 RFPFs from other licensees, for a total of 78 RFPFs.

The TA received a total of 34 successfully negotiated PFAs for review as of May 11, 2006, of which 28 are for Public Safety licensees (of which 18 are Wave 1, Stage 2 licensees). By the end of March 2006, the TA reviewed and approved a total of 22 PFAs. As of May 11, 2006, the TA reviewed and approved an additional 6 PFAs, and 6 PFAs are still being reviewed. Of the 28 PFAs that the TA has approved, 22 are for Public Safety licensees (of which 18 are Wave 1, Stage 2 licensees).

The third change the TA implemented was to establish deadlines for submitting RFPF forms. The intent of establishing the RFPF deadlines is to encourage licensees to consider their planning funding needs in a manner consistent with the revised schedule and to take early action on planning funding. Submitting RFPF forms prior to the deadlines allows time for completion of planning activities as well as allowing adequate time for licensees and Sprint Nextel to negotiate an FRA within the negotiation periods. The deadlines by wave and stage are shown below in Table 2.

**Table 2: Deadlines for Submitting Request for Planning Funding (RFPF) forms** 

Wave & Stage*	RFPF Deadline
Wave 3, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120)	May 15, 2006
Wave 4, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120)	July 1, 2006
Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC)	July 17, 2006
Wave 2, Stage 2 (NPSPAC)	August 1, 2006
Wave 3, Stage 2 (NPSPAC)	November 1, 2006
Wave 4, Stage 2 (NPSPAC)	February 1, 2007

<sup>\*</sup> No deadlines were set for Wave 1, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120) and Wave 2, Stage 1 (Channels 1-120) since both Waves have completed the mandatory negotiation period.

While all of these changes have had a positive impact, it is clear that planning activities must progress at an even more accelerated pace. The TA therefore recently convened a series of three-way discussions with Sprint Nextel and Public Safety leadership, to develop alternative solutions for getting licensees engaged. A key outcome of these discussions is that Sprint Nextel has agreed, using data and analysis provided by the TA and reviewed by Public Safety leadership, to "fast track" negotiations for certain planning funding requests that fall within guidelines to be published by the TA.

Under the fast track planning funding option, Sprint Nextel has agreed to enter into a Planning Funding Agreement for any planning funding request that equates to no more than \$55 per subscriber unit operated by the licensee and that conforms to all program guidelines. Licensees with planning funding requests that fall outside these fast track guidelines will still be able to follow the existing process. The fast track planning funding option was announced by the TA at the International Wireless Communications Expo ("IWCE") in Las Vegas on May 18, 2006. On May 23, 2006, the TA, numerous Public Safety Associations, and Sprint Nextel jointly released a press statement based on the IWCE announcement. The TA believes that this agreement will significantly benefit both the program and the majority of licensees by streamlining negotiations and enabling licensees to more quickly obtain advance funding and complete their planning. The TA expects to publish more detailed guidance to licensees associated with this development in the first half of June 2006.

In addition to these changes, the TA has provided the following supporting education:

• Conducted a series of Webinars to help educate licensees on the RFPF process, reimbursable vs. non-reimbursable costs, the different cost classifications associated with Planning Funding Requests and Cost Estimates, and how licensees should reflect the different cost classifications in their RFPFs and Cost Estimates.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See Fast Track Press Release.

- Conducted in-person presentations for Wave 1 licensees that requested TA assistance and were unable to participate in the scheduled Webinars.
- Educated licensees on their right to request TA Facilitation for situations where they believe TA involvement is required to move the planning funding process forward.

## G. Channels 1-120 Retuning Progress

Progress has been made with regard to reconfiguration of Channels 1-120 licensees. As shown in Map 1 below, as of March 31, 2006, 100% of the call signs in 5 of the 15 NPSPAC Regions in Wave 1, Stage 1 are accounted for in FRAs that have been submitted to and approved by the TA. Additionally, one of the 19 NPSPAC Regions in Wave 2, Stage 1 has all of the call signs requiring reconfiguration accounted for in FRAs submitted to and approved by the TA. 46% of the approximately 1,077 FRAs representing Channels 1-120 entities have successfully negotiated FRAs that have been approved by the TA – including 93% and 56% of Wave 1 and Wave 2 licensees respectively. Approximately 24% of licensees have reported they have cleared from their call signs requiring reconfiguration – including 46% and 36% of Wave 1, Stage 1 and Wave 2, Stage 1 respectively.

The data indicate significant progress has been made in the negotiations of FRAs for Channels 1-120, and approximately a quarter of this community is reporting that their reconfiguration implementation is complete, generally on target for what the TA believes appropriate at this point in the program. However, the data also suggests there is a lag between completing the reconfiguration implementation and completing the closing process, which includes making the necessary certifications to the FCC. This is an area the TA will be closely monitoring in the coming quarters.

In addition to the progress made in negotiating agreements, the data indicate that progress is also being made in the physical Channels 1-120 clearing process, which is necessary to clear the way for Public Safety to begin its reconfiguration. Through March 31, 2006, licensees are reporting that approximately 14% of the Channel 1-120 call signs requiring reconfiguration have been cleared – 26% and 24% of Wave 1 and Wave 2, respectively.

Agreement by NPSPAC Region as of March 31, 2006 800 MHz Reconfiguration Progress Wave 1, 15 Regions
Wave 2, 19 Regions Progress Map: 851-854 MHz (Channels 1-120) Site-specific Call Signs Wave 3, 9 Regions Percent of Call Signs Under Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement, Wave 4, 12 Regions By Public Safety Region - as of 3/31/06 3% 65% 8% 73% 100% 0% 84% 55% 67% 100% 50% 59% 50% 25% 90% 66% 100% 73% 55% 100% 75% 69% 70% 12% 58% 16% 29% 1% 12% 2% 50% 20% 55% 27% 519 Southeast ESMR Bandplan Area e 🔿 (c) 2006, 800MHZ Transition Administrator LLC 100% 04/30/06 2%

Map 1: Percent of Channels 1-120 Call Signs Under Frequency Reconfiguration

Regions adjacent to international borders will not reach 100% until international agreements are finalized.

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Map 2: Percent of Channels 1-120 Call Signs Reported Cleared by Incumbent Licensees, by NPSPAC Region as of March 31, 2006

The licensee clearing information is provided by Sprint Nextel. Regions adjacent to international borders will not reach 100% until international agreements are finalized.

Table 3a: Status of Reconfiguration for Licensees in Channels 1-120 as of March 31, 2006 (achieved milestones by number of FRAs)<sup>20</sup>

	Number of Channels 1-120 FRAs	FRAs Submitted to TA	FRAs Approved by TA	% of FRAs Approved by TA	# of Physical Retunes Reported Complete by Licensees	% of Physical Retunes Reported Complete by Licensees	Submitted to TA	TA	% of FRAs w/ Retune Certifications Verified by TA
Wave			Number	of Frequence	cy Reconfig	uration Agre	eements (FRAs	s)	
Wave 1	354	334	328	93%	164	46%	16	14	4%
Wave 2	211	125	119	56%	75	36%	7	6	3%
Wave 3	311	37	35	11%	14	5%	2	2	1%
Wave 4	156	17	17	11%	10	6%	2	2	1%
Wave*	45	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0%
Total:	1077	513	499	46%	263	24%	27	24	2%

<sup>\*</sup> Deals which have no call signs associated with them. The proper re-banding Wave category will be determined upon the TA receiving the associated call sign assets or the FRA.

Table 3b: Status of Reconfiguration for Licensees in Channels 1-120 as of March 31, 2006 (achieved milestones by number of call signs)<sup>21</sup>

	(utility to illimitation of the signs)								
	Number of Channels 1-120 Call Signs	# in FRAs Submitted to TA	# in FRAs Approved by TA	% in Approved FRAs	# Reported Cleared by Licensee	Reported	# in Retune Certifications Submitted to TA		% w/ Retune Certifications Verified by TA
Wave				N	lumber of C	all Signs			
Wave 1	841	711	685	81%	215	26%	23	16	2%
Wave 2	486	289	274	56%	117	24%	10	9	2%
Wave 3	563	68	58	10%	16	3%	2	2	0%
Wave 4	827	40	34	4%	19	2%	2	2	0%
Total:	2717	1108	1051	39%	367	14%	37	29	1%

Detailed tables providing the status of reconfigurations as of March 31, 2006 – broken out both by the number of FRAs per region per wave, and the number of call signs per region per wave – are attached to this report in Appendices 1 and 2, respectively. Additional metrics showing the status of progress as of April 28, 2006 are provided in Section II.F. of this report and in Appendices 7 and 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Sprint Nextel is the data source for columns 2 and 6. Total number of FRAs can change based on how Sprint Nextel structures various agreements with licensees.

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#### H. Elections

Economic Area ("EA") Elections

The TA received twenty-three EA Election filings in response to its January 11, 2006 Press Release announcing the 20-day filing window for EA licensees to file new elections or modifications to previous elections to relocate to or remain in the ESMR Band.<sup>22</sup> The TA is currently reviewing these filings and working on frequency proposals for EA licensees.

#### **Guard Band Elections**

The TA has received ten Guard Band Election filings thus far in response to its June 29, 2005 Press Release announcing that incumbent licensees subject to mandatory relocation (operating on frequencies between 806-809 MHz/851-854 MHz) could elect to move to the Guard Band.<sup>23</sup> The deadlines for licensees in Waves 1-3 to submit Guard Band Election filings have passed. Due to the change of the Wave 4 start date, the deadline for Wave 4 licensees to submit Guard Band Election filings was changed to July 3, 2006.

On February 8, 2006, the TA issued a Press Release announcing elections for incumbent licensees currently operating on frequencies between 809-816 MHz/854-861 MHz to relocate voluntarily to the Guard Band at their own expense. Licensees requesting to relocate voluntarily to the Guard Band are not necessarily guaranteed that they will be relocated because licensee requests for Guard Band spectrum may exceed the available capacity. The deadline for submitting Voluntary Guard Band Election filings was March 1, 2006 for licensees in Waves 1-3 and is July 3, 2006 for licensees in Wave 4. No voluntary Guard Band elections were filed during the first quarter of 2006.

#### **Expansion Band Elections**

The TA has received eighty-nine Expansion Band Election filings through March 31, 2006 in response to its June 28, 2005 Press Release announcing that incumbent Public Safety licensees could elect to remain in the Expansion Band. <sup>25</sup> The deadline for submitting Expansion Band Election filings was September 27, 2005 for Wave 1, January 3, 2006 for Wave 2, and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC's Ex Parte Notification, WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed Jan. 11, 2006) (attaching Press Release announcing election deadline); see also http://www.800TA.org/content/news/2006/01\_11\_06.asp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> See 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC's Ex Parte Notification, WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed June 30, 2005) (attaching Press Release announcing election deadline); see also http://www.800TA.org/content/news/2005/06 29 05.asp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> See 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC's Ex Parte Notification, WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed Feb. 9, 2006) (attaching Press Release announcing election deadline); see also http://www.800TA.org/content/news/2006/02\_08\_06.asp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC's Ex Parte Notification, WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed June 30, 2005) (attaching Press Release announcing election deadline); see also http://www.800TA.org/content/news/2005/06\_28\_05.asp.

April 3, 2006 for Wave 3 licensees. Due to the change of the Wave 4 start date, the deadline for Wave 4 licensees to submit Expansion Band Election filings was changed to October 3, 2006. During the quarter ending March 31, 2006, the TA granted four requests for an extension of time to submit an Expansion Band Election filing. The list of entities filing Expansion Band Elections appears in Appendix 3.

#### I. Conclusion

In conclusion, progress in the Channels 1-120 clearing stage of the program is in line with expectations, with negotiations largely complete for Waves 1 and 2 and with some agreements completed in Waves 3 and 4. While the number of agreements being referred to ADR was smaller for Wave 2 than for Wave 1, the TA expects Wave 3 to have a much larger number of mediations based on progress to date. Licensees in the Southeastern U.S. must be more aggressive in assembling their cost estimates and entering into negotiations with Sprint Nextel. Parties are also encouraged to seek early mediation when negotiations are not proceeding.

While negotiations have commenced in the NPSPAC migration stage of the program, they are still largely in the early stages. The TA implemented a number of changes in the planning funding process and has seen significant improvements in the provision of planning funding to Public Safety licensees; however, significant progress is still necessary given the size of Wave 1. The TA has therefore worked closely with Public Safety leadership and Sprint Nextel to develop a fast track option that will make it easier for many Public Safety licensees to obtain funding, and will continue to explore other solutions to make it easier to engage in the process.

#### II. KEY RECONFIGURATION DATA

In this section of the Quarterly Progress Report, the TA will summarize key reconfiguration data as of the quarter ended March 31, 2006 (with a snapshot of progress through the end of April 2006).

#### A. <u>Licenses to Be Reconfigured</u>

The table below provides the TA's analysis of the current population of call signs per wave as defined in the RPP. The primary source of this data is the FCC's Universal Licensing System ("ULS") database with geographical augmentation by the TA to determine NPSPAC Region and other reconfiguration-specific information. This data is used to define the population of licenses that need to be addressed in the reconfiguration, and will be updated to reflect changes made to the ULS database.<sup>26</sup>

	Channels 1-120	Public Safety Expansion Band	NPSPAC	SE-ESMR ESMR Band	Total
Wave	Number of Call Signs				
Wave 1	841	399	1,601	0	2,841
Wave 2	486	239	568	12	1,305
Wave 3	563	289	755	255	1,862
Wave 4	827	377	1,260	0	2,464
TOTAL	2,717	1,304	4,184	267	8,472

Table 4: Current Population of Call Signs, Per Wave

#### Assumptions

The TA has made certain assumptions regarding the population of licenses to be addressed in reconfiguration. First, for spectrum planning purposes, unless notified otherwise, the TA has assumed that all Public Safety licensees in the Expansion Band will relocate. The number of licensees that will be reconfigured will decrease as the TA receives elections from Public Safety incumbent licensees opting not to reconfigure. Through March 31, 2006, the TA has received eighty-nine Expansion Band Election filings from Public Safety licensees to stay in the Expansion Band. Second, mobile-only systems and other secondary licenses (itinerant, demonstration, and temporary) are not generally being reconfigured in bands other than the NPSPAC channels. Third, licenses under contract for voluntary reconfiguration agreements prior to May 27, 2005 for which Sprint Nextel will not be seeking credit are not included in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> The table includes site-specific (non-EA) call signs with fixed locations above 851 MHz. It does not include Sprint Nextel or SouthernLINC call signs. There are a number of ancillary call signs licensed in the 806-824 MHz range that are not included in the counts but will, however, be reconfigured in association with related call signs that are included in the counts. *See* Appendix 4 for more detailed data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Appendix 3 contains the list of entities that made Expansion Band Election filings through March 31, 2006.

totals. Fourth, the call sign figures in this report include only active call signs. The current population of call signs will be reduced by any call signs that cancel without an FRA; it will also be increased for new call signs granted from pending applications. Finally, the TA and Sprint Nextel have jointly defined milestones to track the status of ongoing reconfiguration activities at the licensee level.

## B. <u>Frequency Proposals</u>

With the start of Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC), the Frequency Proposal Reports ("FPRs") for all Wave 1, Stage 2 NPSPAC call signs were sent in February 2006 for call signs granted as of January 31, 2006. The NPSPAC FPRs were modified to also include mobile and control station locations. As additional call signs are granted from pending applications, FPRs will be sent in periodic batches.

The TA also implemented two online tools this quarter to help licensees evaluate spectrum and track progress through a URL (web address) unique to each call sign included in the FPR. The first tool allows the licensee to do radius searches of proposed and existing licensing around their licensed locations. The second tool allows NPSPAC licensees to check on the progress of clearing the 1-120 channels in ULS in advance of their relocations.

As of March 31, 2006, the TA had analyzed and proposed replacement frequencies for 4,021 Wave 1, Channels 1-120 and Expansion Band frequencies and 28,476 NPSPAC frequencies; 2,038 Wave 2 frequencies; 3,078 Wave 3 frequencies; and 788 Wave 4 frequencies. A total of 768 non-NPSPAC frequencies were analyzed and proposed in this quarter.

The TA has also sent FPRs for Public Safety Expansion Band call signs in Waves 1-3. While Public Safety licensees may elect to remain on their current channels, for planning purposes new frequencies proposals were prepared for all relevant call signs. Most of these Expansion Band frequencies will be reconfigured in the same timeframe as the NPSPAC channels following the clearing of Channels 1-120, and thus were processed subsequent to Channels 1-120 proposals. Calls signs related to Public Safety licensees that also have 851-854 MHz channels were given priority in anticipation that those licensees would likely be the first to reconfigure out of the Expansion Band.

For each Wave, FPRs for certain call signs were not generated or have been delayed for reasons including the following:

- The call sign is licensed in the Canadian border region.
- The call sign was already under contract prior to the start of reconfiguration.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> As of March 31, 2006, Public Safety licensees had filed elections <u>not</u> to reconfigure for 160 call signs. The total by NPSPAC Region is summarized in Appendix 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> These are call signs already subject to a voluntary reconfiguration contract with Sprint Nextel prior to the May 27, 2005 application freeze for Wave 1, but applications had not yet been granted to remove these frequencies from reconfiguration.

- The licensee negotiated an FRA ahead of their Wave and is already under way in their process.
- There are frequency planning decisions and negotiations between Sprint Nextel and incumbents pending the outcome of the EA re-election specified in the FCC's *Memorandum Opinion and Order*.
- There are pending applications to be granted that materially affect technical parameters. (As these applications have been granted, frequency proposals have been sent to the licensee(s).)
- There are unresolved co-channel distance and other technical issues. (As these issues have been resolved, frequency proposals have been processed and sent to the licensee(s).)

# C. Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement Review

Table 5 below provides an overview of the elapsed time required by the TA to review and approve FRAs submitted to the TA by Sprint Nextel.

Table 5: TA FRA Review Timeframes (in Business Days) for Approval of FRAs, as of March 31, 2006

					21 Days or More from Receipt	TOTAL
Wave	Number of Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements (FRAs)					
Wave 1	274	42	12	0	0	328
Wave 2	104	12	2	1	0	119
Wave 3	32	3	0	0	0	35
Wave 4	17	0	0	0	0	17
Total For Waves 1-4	427	57	14	1	0	499

Table 6 illustrates the TA's time to review FRAs compared to service level targets, on a percentage basis.

Table 6: TA FRA Review Performance (as a percentage) vs. Service Level Targets

Time to Review	Within 5 business days	Within 10 business days	Within 15 business days
Service Levels	80%	95%	100%
TA's Performance	85.57%	97.0%	99.8%*

<sup>\*</sup> One FRA where incumbent licensee's requirements necessitated coordination with the FCC to ensure compliance with the *Report and Order*.

Additional information regarding the status of FRA review (on a per region, per wave basis) is attached as Appendix 5.

## D. Reconfiguration FCC Applications

The TA has worked with the FCC staff to define and implement data transfers to authenticate applications related to reconfiguration. Table 7 below summarizes the status of reconfiguration applications for site-specific call signs before the FCC through March 31, 2006.

Table 7: Reconfiguration FCC Application Milestones for Channels 1-120 Call Signs as of March 31, 2006

	Updated Population as of 03/31/06	Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Submitted to FCC	Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Granted	Call Signs with Surrender Applications Submitted to FCC	Call Signs with Surrender Applications Granted
Wave			Number of Call Si	gns	
Wave 1	841	646	463	122	102
Wave 2	486	228	193	64	55
Wave 3	563	37	33	8	7
Wave 4	827	30	26	9	8
TOTAL	2,717	941	715	203	172

The process defined in conjunction with the FCC and Sprint Nextel for processing reconfiguration related applications continues to function well, especially for processing Private Mobile Radio Service ("PMRS") call signs. For PMRS applications that do not require public notice the average time from filing to grant is seven calendar days. Applications for Specialized Mobile Radio ("SMR") systems that may require a 30-day public notice are being granted in forty calendar days.

Appendix 2 contains additional information regarding the TA's reconfiguration FCC application milestones (on a per region basis) as of March 31, 2006.

## E. Status of Reconfiguration Completion Certifications (Closing)

As expected, the number of certifications signifying completion of reconfiguration ("Completion Certifications") submitted to the TA increased during the past quarter. There have been some delays in the closing process. The TA is monitoring this and expects that the time from execution of FRA to submission of the Completion Certification will decrease as the process becomes more efficient.

Through March 31, 2006, the TA had received Completion Certifications for 27 FRAs. In April 2006, Completion Certifications were received for an additional 23 FRAs. Through April 28, 2006, the TA:

- Reviewed and certified as complete 31 reconfigurations.
- Received and was reviewing the remaining 19 Completion Certifications as of April 28, 2006.

A summary of deals that have closed as of April 28, 2006 is attached as Appendix 6.

The TA notes that the average time to consummate the closing under an FRA once the reconfiguration was completed was influenced by the following:

- Incumbent delays in submitting to Sprint Nextel accurate and/or timely information required for the Actual Cost Reconciliation, Regulatory Filing and Closing processes.
- Sprint Nextel delays in administering these processes.

• The large volume of Sprint Nextel applications to clear replacement channels and multiple applications for single call signs required additional modifications to FCC ULS reconfiguration-specific application processes.

As of March 31, 2006 and April 28, 2006, Sprint Nextel communicated to the TA there were 78 and 106 FRAs, respectively, within the contract closing process ("FRAs Ready to Close"). The average elapsed time from the completion of reconfiguration implementation to the end of the respective reporting period for the FRAs Ready to Close is approximately 3.5 months as of March 31, 2006 and 3.7 months as of April 28, 2006. The status of those deals, in terms of numbers of FRAs in each stage of the contract closing process, is listed in Table 8a.

Table 8a: Status of FRAs Ready to Close<sup>30</sup>

	Status as of (in number of FRAs)		
Status:	March 31, 2006	<b>April 28, 2006</b>	
Sprint Nextel Execution of the	11	25	
Completion Certificates	11	23	
Sprint Nextel Receipt of Signed			
Completion Certificates from	37	21	
Incumbents			
Sprint Nextel Preparation of	20	60	
Completion Certificates	30	60	
Total	78	106	

In addition to the FRAs Ready to Close, Sprint Nextel reports as of March 31, 2006 and April 28, 2006, 154 and 143 FRAs, respectively, where all aspects of the reconfiguration implementation are complete, but where other tasks required in the FRA have not been completed ("FRAs Reconfiguration Complete - Not Ready to Close").

Table 8b: Status of FRAs Reconfiguration Complete - Not Ready to Close<sup>31</sup>

	Status as of (in number of FRAs)		
Status:	March 31, 2006	April 28, 2006	
Actual Cost Reconciliation	74	71	
Finalization of all Requisite Regulatory Filings	30	24	
Both Actual Cost Reconciliation and Finalization of all Requisite Regulatory Filings	50	48	
Total	154	143	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Sprint Nextel is the data source for this table.

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Given the number of relocations currently in process, the TA expects that the volume of FRAs within the closing process will rise sharply in the coming months.

#### F. Reconfiguration Progress through April 2006

FRA Negotiations and Submissions.

Table 9a below provides a summary of the number of FRAs currently under negotiation between Sprint Nextel and incumbent licensees in Channels 1-120. Table 9b provides a summary of the same data according to the call signs covered by those FRAs.

Table 9a: Status of Reconfiguration for Licensees in Channels 1-120 as of April 28, 2006 (achieved milestones by number of FRAs)<sup>32</sup>

	Number of Channels 1-120 FRAs	FRAs Submitted to TA	FRAs Approved by TA	% of FRAs Approved by TA	# of Physical Retunes Reported Complete by Licensees	% of Physical Retunes Reported Complete by Licensees	Submitted to TA	Retune Certifications Verified by TA	% of FRAs w/ Retune Certifications Verified by TA
Wave		Number of Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements (FRAs)							
Wave 1	354	335	335	95%	165	47%	30	19	5%
Wave 2	211	161	150	71%	75	36%	14	8	4%
Wave 3	316	50	46	15%	14	4%	2	2	1%
Wave 4	157	19	18	11%	10	6%	4	2	1%
Wave*	45	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0%
Total: **	1083	565	549	51%	264	24%	50	31	
									3%

<sup>\*</sup> Deals which have no call signs associated with them. The proper re-banding Wave category will be determined upon the TA receiving the associated call sign assets or the FRA.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The change in number of FRAs from March 31st data is a result of Nextel adding, deleting and consolidating deals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Sprint Nextel is the data source for columns 2 and 6. Total number of FRAs can change based on how Sprint Nextel structures various agreements with licensees.

Table 9b: Status of Reconfiguration for Licensees in Channels 1-120 as of April 28, 2006 (achieved milestones by number of call signs) 33

	Number of Channels 1-120 Call Signs	# in FRAs Submitted to TA	# in FRAs Approved by TA	% in Approved FRAs	# Reported Cleared by Licensee	Reported	# in Retune Certifications Submitted to TA		% with Retune Certifications Verified by TA
Wave	Number of Call Signs								
Wave 1	841	730	730	87%	249	30%	46	25	3%
Wave 2	486	350	315	65%	122	25%	18	12	2%
Wave 3	563	81	69	12%	20	4%	2	2	0%
Wave 4	827	42	36	4%	20	2%	5	2	0%
Total:	2717	1203	1150	42%	411	15%	71	41	2%

Reconfiguration FCC Applications.

Table 10 below summarizes the status of reconfiguration applications before the FCC through April 28, 2006.

Table 10: Reconfiguration FCC Application Milestones for Channels 1-120 Call Signs as of April 28, 2006

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	Updated Population as of 04/28/06	Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Submitted to FCC	Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Granted	Call Signs with Surrender Applications Submitted to FCC	Call Signs with Surrender Applications Granted				
Wave		Number of Call Signs							
Wave 1	841	683	637	287	148				
Wave 2	486	292	244	129	71				
Wave 3	563	55	40	27	10				
Wave 4	827	32	30	22	10				
TOTAL	2,717	1062	951	465	239				

Detailed tables providing the status of reconfigurations – broken out both by the number of FRAs per region per wave, and the number of call signs per region per wave – are attached to this report in Appendices 7 and 8, respectively.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Sprint Nextel is the data source for columns 2 and 6. Total number of FRAs can change based on how Sprint Nextel structures various agreements with licensees.

#### III. COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The TA's communications with stakeholders account for both proactive communications initiated by the TA ("Stakeholder Outreach") and responsive communications to inquiries submitted by the affected community. Stakeholder Outreach includes the development and publication of communication materials (print and electronic) designed to disseminate and share information about the 800 MHz band reconfiguration program, the process and the reconfiguration schedule with licensees and other affected stakeholders. In addition to the printed and electronic communications materials, the TA has participated in several conferences and symposia to interact with and educate licensees about the RPP and the reconfiguration program. The TA continues its educational series to further advise licensees about the process and to facilitate access to knowledge sharing opportunities without requiring licensees to travel to conference/symposium locations. This series is delivered via an Internet seminar ("Webinar") format, which is a cost-effective means to reach affected stakeholders. This multi-pronged Stakeholder Outreach effort enables the TA to address the differing needs of the affected community (by addressing their questions, concerns, and providing them with information to reconfigure their networks) and to facilitate licensee preparation in meeting the requirements of the RPP.

#### A. <u>Stakeholder Inquiries</u>

As noted in previous reports, the TA has established a "Contact Center" to receive and process questions, requests for information, etc., regarding reconfiguration and the TA's activities. The Contact Center is staffed by call agents trained to answer inquiries or direct callers to the appropriate TA resource for a response. Each inquiry, whether received by e-mail, phone or facsimile, is documented and retained by the Contact Center and tracked until it is resolved. The TA uses industry-standard tools and practices to track all inquiries and manage the Contact Center.

The TA receives inquiries from a variety of stakeholders: licensees, vendors, consultants, associations, and trade press. The TA's policy is to respond to the majority of inquiries within 24 hours of receipt, except in those few instances where a response may require additional research. In this quarter, the TA received a total of 446 inquiries to the Contact Center (145 in January 2006; 133 in February 2006; and 168 in March 2006). This represents a 33 percent decrease in the inquiry volume over the previous quarter and is largely due to the outbound communications efforts between SRM (Stakeholder Relationship Management) and the PSO (Public Safety Outreach) teams. The data illustrate peaks and valleys in the total volume of inquiries after communications were distributed to licensees, such as the Information Package and Frequency Proposal Report mailings. Access to the Contact Center is a critical component to ensure that licensees and other stakeholders are able to obtain information to prepare for and implement their system(s) reconfiguration.

The Contact Center utilizes the categories and descriptions listed in Table 11 below to classify each stakeholder inquiry for tracking and retaining TA responses:

**Table 11: Stakeholder Inquiry Classifications** 

Category	Description	Inquiry Volume
Border Issues	Answers for this category of questions addresses questions about systems in close proximity to the Canada/Mexico border	0%
Frequency Assignments	Answers for this category of questions indicates issues regarding the licensees' new frequency assignments.	17%
Logistics/Administrative- Related	Answers for this category of questions include topics such as:  - Instructions for filing different TA forms - Request for TA Collateral Materials - Website Assistance - Webinar Assistance - Guidance for Filing FCC Election - Meeting and outreach request	16%
Negotiations	Answers for this category of questions include any question involving the sequence of steps to conclude an agreement with Sprint Nextel.	13%
Reconfiguration & Relocation	Answers to this category of questions describe the basics of reconfiguration.	13%
Reconfiguration Costs	Answers for this category of questions describe the payment process and address the different payment policies and schedules the TA has established.	28%
Reconfiguration Planning & Process Guidelines	Answers for this category of questions describe the activities required to perform and complete reconfiguration planning.	13%
Regional Prioritization Plan	Answers for this category of questions introduce the Stakeholders to the plan that the TA is using for reconfiguration.	0%
The TA's Core Functions	Answers for this category of questions introduce stakeholders to the TA and describe the basics of the TA's role within for reconfiguration.	0%
Total		100%

With the start of the voluntary negotiation period for Wave 1, Stage 2 and Wave 3, Stage 1, the Contact Center has also experienced a shift in the types of inquiries it has received. For example, inquiries regarding "Reconfiguration & Relocation" have increased. In addition, inquiries regarding "negotiation" and "reconfiguration costs" increased as licensees in Wave 2, Stage 1 entered the mandatory negotiation period.

#### **B.** <u>TA-Produced Materials</u>

In this quarter, the TA continued to distribute informational materials to stakeholders relating to the reconfiguration process, including fact sheets, licensee forms, TA press releases, and other materials, as listed below. Most of these items are posted on the TA's website (www.800TA.org).

- Quick Reference Guide A 20-page booklet that provides an overview of the reconfiguration and planning steps for licensees to prepare for relocation, as well as information on the RPP and important contact information. The Guide has been distributed to licensees in Waves 1-3 via the Information Package Mailing (via the points of contact where they were provided, and addresses available in the ULS database). Through the end of the quarter, over 800 copies have also been distributed at conferences and events. The current version 2.0 is currently being updated, and is expected to be finalized in Q2 2006.
- Reconfiguration Handbook This document provides an overview of reconfiguration, the RPP, reconfiguration phases, and detailed guidance on planning for reconfiguration, as well as TA contact information. Release 1.0 was issued in April 2005 and then updated in June 2005 in Release 1.1. Release 2.0 was issued in February 2006. Toward the end of Q1 2006, the TA has been working to update the Handbook with updated Wave start dates, coverage testing guidance, and RFPF deadlines. Release 2.1 was issued with this updated guidance in early April 2006.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Plan The ADR Plan was revised during this quarter and Version 1.2 was filed with the FCC in March 2006 and posted on the TA's website. Among other things, the changes in the ADR Plan focused on early issue identification, the prompt exchange of information between the parties, and the deferral of the filing of Proposed Resolution Memoranda until the issues in dispute have been more clearly framed. The ADR Plan was also revised to incorporate the procedures announced by the FCC with respect to the *de novo* review of the recommendations of TA Mediators.

#### Request for Planning Funding Guidance

The RFPF Package was updated in February 2006 to reflect the TA's new RFPF process. In addition, a one-page Fact Sheet was developed and posted to the TA's website to summarize the salient features of this updated process. In April 2006, the TA updated the RFPF Instructions to provide additional guidance on the level of detail required when submitting an RFPF. By providing the necessary level of detail in the initial RFPF request, licensees and Sprint Nextel will have the information necessary to enter into planning funding negotiations more rapidly.

Mailings to licensees this quarter included the following

- Frequency Proposal Reports ("FPRs") were mailed to Wave 1, Stage 2 (NPSPAC) licensees. Wave 3, Stage 1 FPR mailings continued from Q4 2005.
- Day 150 and Day 175 ADR Announcement letters were mailed on March 2, 2006 and March 28, 2006, respectively, to Wave 2, Stage 1 licensees for which an FRA had not been submitted to the TA. This mailing reminded these licensees that they would be

- entering ADR if they do not have an FRA submitted on their behalf by the end of the mandatory negotiation period.
- Day 90 Announcement letters were mailed on March 29, 2006 to Wave 3, Stage 1 licensees. This mailing informed these licensees that they would be entering ADR if they do not have an FRA submitted on their behalf by the end of the mandatory negotiation period.

Direct mailings allow the TA to communicate targeted Wave and Stage specific information to licensees.

#### Press Releases

The TA issued the following press releases in this quarter:

- "800 MHz Transition Administrator to Open Filing Window for EA Elections" (January 11, 2006)
- "800 MHz Transition Administrator Released Standardized Bid Package and Standardized Bidding Procedures to Assist Licensees in Selecting Vendors to Perform Reconfiguration Work" (January 13, 2006)
- "800 MHz Transition Administrator Implements New Process for Obtaining Planning Funding" (February 1, 2006)
- "800 MHz Transition Administrator Amends Regional Prioritization Plan for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands" (February 3, 2006)
- "800 MHz Transition Administrator Accepting Voluntary Relocation Guard Band Elections" (February 8, 2006)
- "800 MHz Transition Administrator Announces Publication of Updated Reconfiguration Handbook" (February 20, 2006)
- "The Federal Communications Commission Announces 3-Month Adjustment of Start Date for Wave 4, Stage 1 Reconfiguration" (March 7, 2006)
- "Emery Reynolds from the State of Colorado's Public Safety Community Joins the TA" (March 9, 2006)

Press Releases provide updated process and policy information in an easily digestible, one-page format that can be easily distributed to a wide range of audiences including licensees, media and other stakeholders.

#### Media

The TA submitted multiple articles communicating the status of reconfiguration, lessons learned, next steps and additional reconfiguration information to multiple publications as another vehicle to communicate with licensees and other stakeholders. Articles and short features were submitted to the following publications this quarter: Mission Critical Communications, APCO, NPSTC Spectrum, EWA, and UTC. In addition, the TA interviewed with the following publications: Mission Critical Communications, Mobile Radio Technology (MRT), RCR, TR Daily, and Communications Daily.

#### www.800TA.org

The TA's website is a significant component of the Stakeholder Outreach efforts. It provides easy access to a variety of information for all stakeholders. The site includes salient details about the 800 MHz reconfiguration program, links to FCC and other related sites, press releases, Webinar registration, event schedules and reconfiguration guidance. The TA recently added a listserv feature to the website, which allows website visitors to sign up to receive emails from the TA with the latest updates and news. This feature went live to the TA's website in early March, and to date has 165 subscribers. During this quarter, the TA's website received an estimated 24,300 total hits.

# C. Outreach Events and TA-Sponsored Education and Training

Meetings & Conferences

Meetings and conferences attended by TA representatives in this quarter are provided in Appendix 9. In the upcoming quarter, the TA will attend the following events:

- PTI (Public Technology Institute) Congress for Technology in Chicago, Illinois from April 30 to May 2;
- NENA (National Emergency Number Association) APCO (Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International) Conference in Choctaw, Mississippi from April 30 to May 3;
- APCO North Central Regional Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota from April 30 to May 3;
- APCO East Coast Regional Conference from May 8 to May 10;
- IWCE (International Wireless Communications Expo) in Las Vegas, Nevada from May 15 to 19;
- UTC (United Telecom Council) Annual Meeting in Tampa Bay, Florida from May 21 to May 23; and
- National Sheriff's Association Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida from June 17 to June 21.

Meetings and events are a central component of the TA's ongoing efforts to communicate with and educate impacted stakeholders and licensees.

#### Webinars

The TA has conducted numerous Webinars that provide information on all facets of reconfiguration. Webinars are mainly attended by licensees affected by reconfiguration as well as consultants and vendors who assist licensees. All subject modules in the Webinar series are tailored to the specific circumstances of licensees' system size – large and small – and include time for question and answer sessions with the TA's subject matter experts, as well as dialogue between the attendees themselves. The Webinar series to date has totaled 23 sessions with 593 attendees across the following stakeholder groups: 65.9 percent Public Safety; 3.8 percent CII; 2.1 percent B/ILT; and 28 percent other (consultants, vendors, etc.), with the remainder

unidentified (these percentages do not include all Webinars as some sessions were not polled). In this quarter the TA offered five modules:

- Request for Planning Funding
- Module 2: Frequency Proposals
- Module 3A: Cost Classifications & Reimbursements
- Module 3B: Payment Process (2 sessions)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Plan

Webinars have proven to be an effective, low-cost method for reaching wide audiences and providing interactive and just-in-time guidance. The TA solicited feedback following each delivery. According to participant surveys, the reaction to the Webinars has been overwhelmingly positive, with participants indicating that the opportunity for live discussion is the most helpful aspect. Some commonly asked categories of questions include:

- Requests for Planning Funding & Costs: For example, "Are you seeing an increase in the number of RFPFs being submitted and approved?" "What costs are to be included in the RFPF?"
- Alternative Dispute Resolution: For example, "Can a party submit a request for mediation for a planning funding dispute?" "How will ADR be implemented if after an FRA is executed, a dispute arises over the reimbursement of costs to reconfigure?"

#### Licensee Outreach Campaigns

In an effort to further the progress of reconfiguration, and in response to specific requests from the Public Safety community, the TA increased its communication and outreach efforts in this quarter. Specifically, the TA executed an outbound communications campaign to all licensees in Wave 1, Stage 2 at the start of their voluntary negotiation period. A goal of this campaign was to actively promote the TA as a resource that Public Safety licensees can use to address problems and issues they are encountering and to encourage licensees to engage in the negotiations process early. Through these calls, we were also able to identify any issues that the licensees were having. As these issues were identified, they were documented and have been shared with TA leadership for resolution through talking points and new or updated policies. This campaign was also able to foster the development of meaningful relationships with Public Safety licensees to ensure they understand and appreciate the value of the TA as a guide in the reconfiguration process.

The TA also executed an outbound communications campaign to all licensees in Wave 2, Stage 1 that had not yet entered into an FRA. The goal of this campaign was to gauge the progress of the negotiations between the licensees and Sprint Nextel, as well as identify and resolve any issues that could impede progress. As these issues were identified, the TA implemented strategies for their resolution in a timely manner. In instances where a solution could not be easily found and looked as if the licensee would not complete a FRA, the licensee was informed that they would be receiving information about the ADR process in the mail.

#### IV. FINANCIAL

#### A. Reconfiguration Expenditures

#### 1. 800 MHz Incumbent costs

As of March 31, 2006, Sprint Nextel and incumbent licensees had executed FRAs and PFAs pursuant to TA-approved cost estimates totaling \$18 million, and Sprint Nextel had paid \$5.3 million of this amount.

## 2. Sprint Nextel Costs

On May 1, 2006, Sprint Nextel reported to the TA that, through March 31, 2006, it had incurred approximately \$376 million in costs for relocating its systems in the 800 MHz band and supporting 800 MHz Incumbent relocations and negotiations ("Sprint Nextel Costs"). Through April 28, 2006, Sprint Nextel has requested that the TA assess approximately \$21.7 million of the Sprint Nextel Costs (incurred through September 30, 2005) for the purpose of determining whether those costs are creditable against the payment Sprint Nextel will make to the US Treasury at the completion of reconfiguration ("creditable costs"). The TA has performed a review of the \$21.7 million in costs submitted. The status of these costs is as follows:

- \$9.4 million was determined by the TA to be creditable costs, pending the results of external audit and the Final Accounting to be performed at completion of reconfiguration, and
- The remaining \$12.3 million requires additional information from Sprint Nextel to determine whether these costs are creditable.

Sprint Nextel has not submitted the remaining \$354.3 million of the Sprint Nextel Costs to the TA for credit assessment or for external audit. The TA is in discussions with Sprint Nextel regarding the review schedule and types of records and other materials (such as underlying accounting records, transaction documentation, and analyses of cost allocations) that are to be provided by Sprint Nextel to allow the TA to conduct its review of these costs, as well as those costs submitted by Sprint Nextel for which the TA has requested additional information.

#### 3. 1.9 GHz Clearing Costs

Sprint Nextel estimates, as reported to the TA, that it has incurred approximately \$111.2 million in costs associated with reconfiguration of the 1.9 GHz band through March 31, 2006. (These costs are reported for informational purposes only. The TA does not conduct a review of these costs.)

#### B. <u>Letter of Credit</u>

For the quarter ended March 31, 2005, Sprint Nextel had made all its required payments to licensees and vendors within 30 days of the relevant Payment Obligation Date. Accordingly, there has been no need to draw on the Letter of Credit through March 31, 2006. In April 2006,

Sprint Nextel was past 30 days on one payment and, upon TA inquiry, remitted payment within the 10-day trailing period allowed by the *Supplemental Order*. Accordingly, there has been no need to draw on the Letter of Credit through April 28, 2006.

The TA is coordinating with Sprint Nextel to develop a timeline by which Sprint Nextel will provide its reconfiguration forecast, together with detailed support and underlying assumptions, for TA review. There is no indication at this time that the Letter of Credit balance is insufficient to cover the costs of reconfiguration or that the Letter of Credit should be increased. The TA does not recommend a reduction in the Letter of Credit at this time. The TA will reassess the need to increase or reduce the Letter of Credit in the quarterly progress report to be filed for the quarter ending June 30, 2006.

# **C.** Payment Process

In the second half of 2005 and the first quarter of 2006, Sprint Nextel implemented a process for payment of 800 MHz reconfiguration expenditures to licensees and vendors ("Payment Process"). Because the payment process used by Sprint Nextel relies on processes and controls that have been under continued development and refinement, the TA implemented additional procedures, in cooperation with Sprint Nextel, to support its monitoring and review responsibilities outlined in the Payment Process. These procedures encompassed entering underlying data relevant to the Payment Process into a TA tracking system to run in parallel with Sprint Nextel's existing process to ensure timely payments by Sprint Nextel.

Sprint Nextel enhanced and automated certain of its processes and controls supporting the Payment Process in the first quarter of 2006, during which time the TA began to rely on these processes and controls and transitioned from parallel processing mode to a compliance monitoring role in which the TA verifies the accuracy of payment process information reported by Sprint Nextel.

# D. 800 MHz Incumbent Reviews

As of March 31, 2006, the TA received reconfiguration certifications signifying completion of 27 FRAs. The TA has reviewed the amounts expended on planning funding and reconfigurations covered by these FRAs and concurs with the identified remaining payments due incumbents or refunds due Sprint Nextel, pending any results of the TA's post-close review rights or external audits.

# E. External Audit

In the first quarter of 2006, the TA undertook a competitive bid process that resulted in the selection of Reznick Group as the external auditor of the annual financial statements of the reconfiguration program. The TA's audit firm selection was comprised of the following process:

• Meetings and discussions with potential audit firms to set forth the Reconfiguration Program audit requirements, to solicit interest and feedback from audit firms and to explore potential conflicts of interest/independence considerations,

- A formal bid process in which the TA created and issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP"),
- Evaluation of proposals by a three member proposal review committee ("Review Committee") comprised of TA personnel with over 40 years combined financial, audit and business operations experience, and
- Concurrence by TA leadership with the Review Committee's selection of Reznick Group.

The audit of TA fees, incumbent transactions and Sprint Nextel Costs submitted and reviewed by the TA is planned for the second quarter of 2006, with the audit report delivered to the FCC in June 2006. As discussed previously in this report, a majority of the Sprint Nextel Costs (\$354.3 million) have not been submitted by Sprint Nextel to the TA for credit assessment or for external audit. Accordingly, these costs will be included in a subsequent period audit.

# F. Transition Administrator

# 1. Fees, Expenses, and Staffing

The TA's fees and expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 were \$7,228,842 in fees and \$907,157 in expenses, for a total of \$8,135,998, which is approximately \$700,000 lower than the forecast that was previously submitted to the FCC. <sup>34</sup> Inception-to-date fees and expenses are \$35,299,473 in fees and \$2,440,579 in expenses, for a total of \$37,740,052. Additional details are provided in the attached Appendix 10.

TA staffing as of March 31, 2006 consisted of 65.57 full-time equivalents ("FTEs"). The TA's fees and expenses for the quarter ending June 30, 2006 are estimated at \$8,800,000 in fees and \$247,000 in expenses, for a total of \$9,047,000.

# 2. Disclosure of Non-Reconfiguration Fees

In accordance with the TA's Independence Management Plan,<sup>35</sup> the TA reports that BearingPoint received \$2,492,708 from Sprint Nextel in non-TA fees and costs for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> In the TA's Quarterly Progress Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, the projected amount of expenses in its reported estimate of fees and expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 were mistakenly double counted. The correct estimate of fees and expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 are \$8,500,000 in fees and \$290,000 in expenses, for a total estimate of \$8,790,000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See Independence Management Plan for the 800 MHz Transition Administrator Team Members (Version 1.1), WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed May 9, 2005), at 4.

Appendix 1
Status of Negotiations for Licensees in Channels 1-120: Milestones Completed by Number of Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements, Per Wave, Per Region, as of March 31, 2006

Public Safety Region	Number of Channels 1-120 FRAs (a)	Sprint Nextel Initiated Contact with Licensee (a) Number o	Sprint Nextel and Licensee Reach Pre-Contract Agreement (a) f Frequency Reconfi	FRAs Submitted to TA guration Agreement	by TA
Wave 1	354	354	338	334	328
Multiregion	101	101	96	93	90
PSR Undetermined (b)	0	0	0	0	0
6	35	35	35	35	35
7	11	11	11	11	11
8	33	33	33	33	32
11	9	9	9	9	9
13	18	18	17	17	17
14	8	8	8	8	8
19	15	15	15	15	15
20	17	17	14	13	13
27	21	21	21	21	21
28	24	24	23	23	22
35	15	15	14	14	14
41	7	7	7	7	7
42	15	15	10	10	10
45	7	7	7	7	7
54	18	18	18	18	17
Wave 2	211	211	162	125	119
Multiregion	69	69	52	36	36
PSR Undetermined (b)	09	09	0	0	0
4	9	9	8	7	6
12	4	4	4	4	3
15					3
	5	5	3	3	
16	9	9	7	7	6
17		9	8		18
22 24	27 11	27	24 7	19	
	4	11 4	4	3	3 2
25	4		4	2	3
26 32		4		3	0
34	0	<u> </u>	0	0	1
38	3	3	2	1	0
					15
39	26 11	26 11	18	15	
40 44	11	11	6	5	5
46 49	0 2	0 2	0	0 2	0 2
51			4		
52	6 8	<u>6</u>	6		3
					35
Wave 3  Multiregion	<b>311</b> 80	<b>281</b> 75	63	<b>37</b> 5	
	0	0	10		0
PSR Undetermined (b)			0		
1	29	29	7	3	3
9	61	57	20	11	11
10	52	37	5		3
18	30	27	4		3
23	23	23	5		4
31	17	17	9		5
37	8	6	1	0	0
47	8	7	2		1
48	3	3	0	0	0

#### Appendix 1

Status of Negotiations for Licensees in Channels 1-120: Milestones Completed by Number of Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements, Per Wave, Per Region, as of March 31, 2006

	Number of Channels 1-120	Sprint Nextel Initiated Contact with Licensee (a)	Sprint Nextel and Licensee Reach Pre-Contract Agreement (a)	FRAs Submitted to	by TA
Public Safety Region	FRAs (a)			guration Agreement	
Wave 4	156	69	35		17
Multiregion	38	16	8	3	3
PSR Undetermined (b)	0	0	0	0	0
2	10	8	6	3	3
3	33	16	12	6	6
5	16	1	0	0	0
21	3	0	0	0	0
29	8	7	1	0	0
30	7	3	2	1	1
33	12	3	0	0	0
36	3	3	1	1	1
43	8	1	1	1	1
50	7	3	3	2	2
53	6	6	0	0	0
54	5	2	1	0	0
55	0	0	0	0	0
Wave Undetermined (c)	45	34	4	0	0
TOTAL	1077	949	602	513	499

- (a) Sprint Nextel is the data source for this column. The figures have not been verified by the TA.
- (b) PSR or Wave Undetermined TA is unable to accurately assign a PSR based on data provided.
- (c) Wave Undetermined Deals which have no call signs associated with them. The proper rebanding Wave category will be determined upon the TA receiving the associated call sign assets or the FRA.

Appendix 2
Status of Reconfiguration for Licensees in Channels 1-120: Milestones Completed by Number of Call Signs, Per Wave, Per Region, as of March 31, 2006

Public Safety		Updated Call Sign Population as of 3/31/06	Sprint Nextel Initiated Contact with Licensee	Sprint Nextel and Licensee Reach Pre-Contract Agreement	Sprint Nextel Submits Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement to TA	TA Approves Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement	Through 3/31/06 Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Submitted to FCC	Through 3/31/06 Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Granted	Sprint Nextel Clears Frequencies	Incumbent Clears Frequencies	Through 3/31/06 Call Signs with Surrender Applications Submitted to FCC	Through 3/31/06 Call Signs with Surrender Applications Granted
Region	PSR Name						lumber of Call Signs					
Wave 1	Subtotal	841	793	715	711	685	<b>646</b> 76					
	CA - North Colorado	110 27	110 27	105 27	104 27	83 27	27			26		13
	NY - Metro (CT, NJ, NY, PA)	96	96	95	95	89	88			29		_
	Hawaii	55	55	55	55	55	55			9	0	0
13	Illinois	39	39	35	35	35	24			12	3	1
14	Indiana	27	27	27	27	27	26			9	2	2
19	ME, NH, VT,MA, RI, CT*	82	53	45	45	45	33			8	6	5
20	MD; DC; VA - Northern	66	64	56	53	52	50	38	24	2	2 0	0
27	Nevada	95	86	63	63	63	63	61	61	44	34	30
28	NJ, PA, DE	67	64	63	63	60	58			20	14	11
	Oregon	55	55	45	45	46	46	23	43	13	8	7
41	Utah	21	21	21	21	21	21		16	7	6	6
42	Virginia	52	47	29	29	36	36			9	1	1
45	Wisconsin	13	13	13	13	13				12	2 3	2
	Chicago	36	36	36	36	33	30			9	7	5
Wave 2	Subtotal	486	458	350	289	274	228	193	161	117	64	55
4	Arkansas	38	38	36	26	22	7	6	7	4	3	3
12	Idaho*	15	13	12	12	10	9	8	/	6	3	3
15	lowa	17	16	10	10	10	10			10	1	0
16 17	Kansas	33	33 15	25	25	24	22			5	4	4
22	Kentucky	16 75	69	13 63	11 55	11 55	10			22	12	12
24	Minnesota* Missouri	38	36	28	22	21	20			- 22	12	12
	Montana*	20	16	16	15	13	8	6	12	5	2	3
	Nebraska	10	10	- 10	6	5	5		5	5	3	4
	North Dakota*	13	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Oklahoma	26	26	19	10	10		. 8	. 8	0	0	0
	South Dakota	5	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Tennessee	44	44	36	31	31	29	27	24	25	7	6
	TX - Dallas	38	37	27	22	19	19		3	3	3	3
	West Virginia	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
	Wyoming	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
49	TX - Austin	11	11	8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1
51	TX - Houston	41	41	27	22	21	17	8	6	6	6	5
52	TX - Lubbock	42	41	15	11	12	12	11	10	6	3	3

Public Safety Region	PSR Name	Updated Call Sign Population as of 3/31/06	Sprint Nextel Initiated Contact with Licensee	Sprint Nextel and Licensee Reach Pre-Contract Agreement	Sprint Nextel Submits Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement to TA	TA Approves Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement	Through 3/31/06 Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Submitted to FCC	Through 3/31/06 Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Granted	Sprint Nextel Clears Frequencies	Incumbent Clears Frequencies	Through 3/31/06 Call Signs with Surrender Applications Submitted to FCC	Through 3/31/06 Call Signs with Surrender Applications Granted
Wave 3	Subtotal	563	434	100	68	58		33	24	16	8	7
1	Alabama	10	10	4	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	0
9	Florida	201	168	35	26	20	17	15	8	8	7	6
10	Georgia	50	38	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
18	Louisiana	84	64	28	14	13	2	2	2	1	0	0
23	Mississippi	25	25	16	13	13	7	6	6	2	0	0
31	North Carolina	67	61	13	10	8	8	7	5	3	1	1
37	South Carolina	37	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Puerto Rico	66	19	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
48	USVI	23	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wave 4	Subtotal	827	204	67	40	34	30	26	20	19	9	8
2	Alaska*	35	14	12	3	3	3	3	0	3	0	0
3	Arizona*	77	52	20	13	12	11	7	7	4	3	2
5	CA - South*	139	7	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21	Michigan*	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	New Mexico*	25	22	8	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1
30	NY - Albany*	96	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
33	Ohio*	104	10	1	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	0
36	Pennsylvania*	12	7	3	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	0
43	Washington*	157	60	8	8	5	4	4	3	3	2	2
50	TX - El Paso*	11	7	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1
53	TX - San Antonio*	16	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
54	MI portion of Chicago*	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	New York - Buffalo*	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61	Gulf of Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62	Marianas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63	Guam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for Wa	ives 1-4	2717	1889	1232	1108	1051	941	715	623	367	203	172

- a. Data for Channel 1-120 call signs does not include call signs that were under contract with Sprint Nextel prior to the start of reconfiguration and for which contracts are not going to be submitted to the TA for review and approval for Sprint Nextel credit.
- b. Data includes call signs in the international border area. Data may change depending on international agreement negotiation outcomes.
- c. The current population of call signs has been adjusted for call signs cancelled without a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement (FRA), and incremented for any call signs added through pending applications. Licensees may independently cancel licenses or let them expire without entering into an FRA. TA, Sprint Nextel, and industry outreach efforts may also contribute to encouraging licensees not longer using licenses to unilaterally cancel them.
- d. Data includes call signs with fixed locations authorized for frequencies the 851-854 MHz range with adequate geographic data to determine a Public Safety Region.
- e. Data for the call sign population and applications may not match data for Sprint Nextel milestones due to call signs expiring or being cancelled without contracts. Also, certain FRAs may include call signs undergoing reconfiguration that may be cancelled or assigned without frequencies being changed on that particular call sign. Call signs with old frequencies being deleted via a partial assignment are not included in the delete application data.
- f. Data between Incumbent Clear and Notify and Surrender Applications Submitted to FCC does not match as expected due primarily to a data lag common in Sprint Nextel milestone updates received by the TA. This results in what appears to be more FCC Filings than Incumbents Cleared Frequencies which is impossible.

# Appendix 3 Entities Filing Expansion Band Elections, as of March 31, 2006

LICENSEE	ST	CALL SIGN	FREQUENCIES
Houston, County of	AL	WPQH284	857.7625, 858.2625
Mobile, County of	AL	WNUX634	857.7625, 857.9875, 858.2375, 858.2625, 858.4375, 858.4625
Northport, City of	AL	WNJD323	857.7125
Bentonville, City of		WPPH830	860.2625
Fayetteville, City of		WPJI661	860.2375, 860.7375
Hot Springs, City of		WPHP482	860.2625
Jefferson, County of		WNVR873	860.2375, 860.2625, 860.7375, 860.9625
Jefferson, County of		WPLY444	860.2125
Paragould, City of		WPFN317	860.2875
Contra Costa Community College District		WNMM866	860.2375
Lassen Union School District		WPEF987	860.7875
Marin, County of		KNJH407	860.9375
Marin, County of		WPFQ266	860.4625
Merced, City of		WPPX706	860.4375
Mountain Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency		WNVJ731	860.9375
(Stanislaus County)			
Palo Alto, City of	CA	WNFI750	860.7125
Placer, County of		WPIE742	860.9375
Sacramento, County of		WNBQ990	860.7125
Sacramento, County of		WPDD467	860.2125, 860.4375
Sacramento, County of		WPWV729	860.4875
Sacramento, County of		WPXL514	860.4875
Sacramento, County of		WQDK496	860.4875
Sacramento, County of		WQDK705	860.4875
San Francisco, City and County of	_	KNGD851	860.4875
San Francisco, City and County of		WNMP411	n/a*
San Francisco, City and County of		WNMP522	860.4625
San Francisco, City and County of		WNNF327	860.4375
San Francisco, City and County of		WPQA782	860.4875
San Francisco, City and County of		WPQF830	860.2125
Watsonville, City of		WPKI847	860.2375
Arapahoe, County of		WNIJ887	860.3125
Aurora, City of		WNAU532	860.7625, 860.9375, 860.9625, 860.9875
Cromwell, Town of		WNKR770	860.9625
District of Columbia		KNJU834	860.9875
District of Columbia		WPXT459	860.9875
Jacksonville, City of		WNFP698	860.2125, 860.2625, 860.4625, 860.4875, 860.9375
Jacksonville, City of		WNRE843	860.9375
Jacksonville, City of		WNSC913	860.2375, 860.7375
Jacksonville, City of		WPGY728	860.9875
Jacksonville, City of		WPGY732	860.7125
Jacksonville, City of		WPTF860	860.4625, 860.7125, 860.9375
Miami, City of		KNGR376	860.2125, 860.4625, 860.7125
Miami, City of		WNCE612	860.2125, 860.4625, 860.7125
Volusia, County of		WNHE867	860.2625, 860.4875, 860.7125, 860.7375, 860.7625
Volusia, County of		WPFQ272	860.2625, 860.4875, 860.7125, 860.7375, 860.7625,
Volusia, Godiny of		WITQZIZ	860.9375
Volusia, County of	FL	WPPW666	860.2125
Honolulu, City and County of		WPQZ565	860.4625
Honolulu, City and County of	HI	WPRG484	860.4625
Iowa City, City of	IA	WNXG714	860.2625
Iowa City, City of	IA	WNXG746	860.9875
The University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics	IA	WPKN529	860.2125
Idaho, State of	ID	WPIN529 WPIP622	860.7625
Idaho, State of		WPIP622 WPIP626	860.7625
		WPIP626 WPIS652	
Idaho, State of			860.7625
Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District	ID	WPUD400	860.7875
Deerfield, Village of (Police Department)	IL	WNGC398	860.7375
Gurnee, Village of	IL	WNAR378	860.2625

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LICENSEE	ST	CALL SIGN	FREQUENCIES
Gurnee, Village of	IL	WNBG488	n/a*
Illinois, State of (Department of Corrections)	IL	WPLR422	860.2625
Illinois, State of (Department of Corrections)	IL	WPMR362	860.7375
Illinois, State of (Department of Corrections)	IL	WPPD278	860.9375
Peoria County Sheriffs Department	IL	WQAB235	860.2625, 860.9625, 860.9875
Tazewell, County of	IL	WPNW387	860.7125
Tazewell, County of	ΙL	WQCX272	n/a*
Westmont, Village of	İL	WNNO865	860.2625
Westmont, Village of	IL	WQBR321	860.2625
Williamson, County of	IL	WPKM918	860.7625
Indiana University	IN	WPCW647	860.8875
Mishawaka, City of	IN	WNPK748	860.4375, 860.9875
Steuben, County of	IN	WPDU229	860.2125
Kansas City, City of	KS	WNWF608	860.7625, 860.9375
Kansas City, City of	KS	WPGP232	860.3125
Allegany, County of	MD	WPRS598	860.4875
Garrett, County of (Board of Education)	MD	WPRU936	860.7375
Salisbury, City of	MD	WPHQ675	860.7625
Worcester, County of	MD	WPNW557	860.4625, 860.7125
Minnesota, State of	MN	WPER943	860.2375, 860.2625, 860.4375, 860.9375, 860.9875
Minnesota, State of	MN	WPKG359	860.9375
Minnesota, State of	MN	WPKG360	860.2625
Minnesota, State of	MN	WPYM573	860.9875
Curators of the University of Missouri	MO	WPJI572	860.2125
Smith, County of	MS	WPKG621	858.4375
South Mississippi State Hospital	MS	WPQJ606	857.9875
McDowell, County of	NC	KNNP950	860.9625
Mecklenburg, County of	NC	WNGU623	860.2375, 860.4875, 860.7375, 860.7625, 860.9875
Scotts Bluff, County of		WPKU672	860.2125, 860.2375, 860.2625, 860.4875, 860.7375
Manchester, City of	NH	WPDK444	860.4875
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNDD570	860.4625, 860.9625
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNDD571	860.4625, 860.9625
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNDD572	860.4625, 860.9625
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNDD573	860.4625, 860.9625
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNDD574	860.4625, 860.9625
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNDD575	860.2125, 860.7125
New Jersey, State of	_	WNDD576	860.2125, 860.7125
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNDD577	860.9375
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNDD578	860.9375
New Jersey, State of	-		860.9375
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNDD580	860.2125, 860.7125
New Jersey, State of	_	WNHS409	860.9375
New Jersey, State of	-	WNHS410	860.2125, 860.4625, 860.7125, 860.9625
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNII538	860.9375
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNJI598	860.9375
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WNPS351	860.4625, 860.9625
New Jersey, State of	_	WNXC890	860.4625, 860.9625
New Jersey, State of	_	WNXC891	860.2125, 860.7125
New Jersey, State of		WNXZ718	860.9625
New Jersey, State of	_	WNZZ317	860.7125
New Jersey, State of	NJ	WPSE858	860.2125, 860.7125
New Jersey, State of	_	WPVO725	860.9375
New Jersey, State of		WPYQ725	860.4625, 860.9625
New Jersey, State of	_	WQBY316	860.4625, 860.9625
Vineland, City of Washoe, County of		WNXZ709 WPRX312	860.4625, 860.9625 860.2125, 860.2375, 860.2625, 860.4375, 860.4625,
ivvasiloe, County of	INV	MLKV917	860.4875, 860.7625, 860.9375, 860.9875
Washoe, County of	NV	WPRX313	860.7625
City of New York DoITT FCC Licensing Support	_	KNBX914	860.7375, 860.9875
City of New York DolTT FCC Licensing Support	_	KNER623	860.4375, 860.7625, 860.9375
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# Appendix 3 Entities Filing Expansion Band Elections, as of March 31, 2006

LICENSEE	ST	CALL SIGN	FREQUENCIES
City of New York DoITT FCC Licensing Support	NY	WPML463	860.7625
City of New York DoITT FCC Licensing Support	NY	WPML524	860.7625
City of New York DoITT FCC Licensing Support	NY	WPML525	860.7625
City of New York DoITT FCC Licensing Support	NY	WPML526	860.7625
City of New York DoITT FCC Licensing Support	NY	WQCI937	860.4375
New York City Transit Authority	NY	KB23096	n/a*
New York City Transit Authority	NY	KNEH690	860.3875, 860.4125
New York City Transit Authority	NY	KNEH691	n/a*
New York City Transit Authority	NY	WNUB684	860.3875, 860.4125
New York City Transit Authority	NY	WNUB732	860.3875, 860.4125
Jackson County Juvenile Department	OR	WQCC874	860.2375
Salem, City of	_	WPKB609	860.4875
Adams, County of	PA	WPZA535	860.4375
Allentown, City of	PA	WPJK416	860.9375
Commonwealth of Penna Bloomsburg University	PA	WPGD607	860.8375
Rhode Island, State of	RI	WNCX326	860.3125
South Carolina State Ports Authority	SC	WPLU704	860.7125
South Carolina, State of	SC	WPWM262	860.9875
Spartanburg, County of	SC	WPGR361	860.4625, 860.9375
Spartanburg, County of		WPKZ275	860.2125
Spartanburg, County of	SC	WPLZ536	860.2375, 860.2625
Clarksville, City of	TN	WQCL650	860.2375
Memphis, City of	TN	WPAB818	860.3375, 860.3875
Anderson County, Texas	TX	WPYA801	860.2375, 860.9875
Dallas, City of	TX	WNBG573	860.7375, 860.9875
Harris, County of	TX	WNBZ674	860.2125, 860.2375, 860.4625, 860.4875, 860.7125
Harris, County of	_	WPPF214	860.2125, 860.2375, 860.4625, 860.4875, 860.7125
Harris, County of	TX	WQBM285	860.7125
Houston, City of	1	KNIV874	860.2625, 860.4375, 860.7625, 860.9375
Houston, City of (Dept. of Aviation)	_	KNDH570	860.2875, 860.3125
Houston, City of (Dept. of Aviation)	TX	WPNW558	860.7375
Mesquite, City of	TX	WNKE234	860.3375
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County	TX	KRX666	860.3875
Missouri City	TX	WNAS493	860.9625
Texas Tech University	TX	KNNJ876	860.9625
Travis, County of	TX	WPYE612	860.2125, 860.2625
Travis, County of	TX	WPZR511	860.4375
Wichita Falls, City of	TX	WQAW913	860.4625, 860.9625
League City, City of	TX	WNNL329	860.9875
Lubbock, City of	TX	WPFW709	860.2375, 860.4875, 860.7375, 860.9875
Salt Lake Department of Airports	_	WNYR765	860.2375, 860.2625, 860.4875
Salt Lake Department of Airports	UT	WQBI350	n/a*
Salt Lake Department of Airports	UT	WQBM266	860.2625
Virginia Beach, City of	VA	WNAU439	860.4625, 860.4875, 860.7125, 860.7375
Virginia Beach, City of	VA	WNSS359	860.4875, 860.7375
Virginia, Commonwealth of (Department of Corrections)	VA	WPIZ624	860.4875
Virginia, Commonwealth of (NVCC)	VA	WPRR746	860.4875
Oregon Schools	WI	WPMV532	860.8875
Ozaukee, County of	WI	WNWS961	860.7125, 860.7625
Watertown Water, City of	WI	WPFD727	860.2375
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<sup>\*</sup> Licensee listed a Call Sign on their Expansion Band Election Form that does not have any frequencies within the Expansion Band located at 860-861 MHz (857.5-858.5 MHz in the Southeastern U.S, except within a seventy-mile radius of Atlanta where it is located at 858-858.5 MHz).

Current Population of Call Signs, Per Wave, Per Region, as of March 31, 2006

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			Dublic						
			Public						
			Safety	NDODAO	05 5045				
		Channels	Expansion	NPSPAC	SE-ESMR				
Public Safety		1-120	Band	Band	ESMR Band	Total			
Region	PSR Name			er of Call					
Wave 1	Subtotal	841	399	1601	0	284			
6	CA - North	110	97	109	0	31			
7	Colorado	27	14	152	0	19			
8	NY - Metro (CT, NJ, NY, PA)	96	25	370	0	49			
11	Hawaii	55	5	20	0	8			
13	Illinois	39	22	110	0	17			
14						20			
	Indiana	27	41	137	0				
	ME, NH, VT,MA, RI, CT*	82	24	107	0	21			
20	MD; DC; VA - Northern	66	22	69	0	15			
27	Nevada	95	23	30	0	14			
28	NJ, PA, DE	67	37	195	0	29			
35	Oregon	55	13	32	0	10			
41	Utah	21	11	125	0	15			
42	Virginia	52	23	40	0	11			
45	Wisconsin	13	10	2	0	2			
54	Chicago	36	32	103	0	17			
Wave 2	Subtotal	486	239	568	12	130			
						130			
4	Arkansas	38	51	71	0				
12	Idaho*	15	2	0	0	17			
15	lowa	17	17	5	0	39			
16	Kansas	33	7	189	0	229			
17	Kentucky	16	22	12	0	50			
22	Minnesota*	75	19	31	0	12			
24	Missouri	38	14	18	0	70			
25	Montana*	20	0	0	0	20			
26	Nebraska	10	9	27	0	40			
32	North Dakota*	13	1	1	0	15			
						64			
34	Oklahoma	26	12	26	0				
38	South Dakota	5	1	0	0				
39	Tennessee	44	41	52	12	149			
40	TX - Dallas	38	20	40	0	98			
44	West Virginia	3	3	7	0	1:			
46	Wyoming	1	2	5	0				
49	TX - Austin	11	13	48	0	7:			
51	TX - Houston	41	5	34	0	80			
52	TX - Lubbock	42	0	2	0	4			
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Wave 3	Subtotal	563	289	755	255	1862			
1	Alabama	10	30	23	60	123			
9	Florida	201	75	277	38	59 <sup>-</sup>			
10	Georgia	50	29	56	82	21			
18	Louisiana	84	56	52	5	19			
23	Mississippi	25	22	19	50	110			
31	North Carolina	67	39	172	7	28			
37	South Carolina	37	32	147	13	229			
47	Puerto Rico	66	6	9	0	8			
48						2:			
-	USVI	23	0	0	0				
Wave 4	Subtotal	827	377	1260	0	2464			
2	Alaska*	35	8	1	0	4			
3	Arizona*	77	26	66	0	16			
5	CA - South*	139	135	306	0	58			
21	Michigan*	61	2	258	0	32			
29	New Mexico*	25	5	9	0	3			
30	NY - Albany*	95	69	179	0	34			
33	Ohio*	104	39	117	0	26			
36	Pennsylvania*	104	19	140	0	17			
					0	31			
43	Washington*	157	25	133					
50	TX - El Paso*	11	5	2	0	1			
53	TX - San Antonio*	16	17	25	0	5			
54	MI portion of Chicago*	9	8	18	0	3			
	New York - Buffalo*	86	16	6	0	10			
55		0	0	0	0				
	Gulf of Mexico								
61									
	Gulf of Mexico Marianas Guam	0	2	0	0				

# Public Safety Expansion Band Elections Totals, as of March 31, 2006 (Elections NOT to Reconfigure)

to Reconfigure)						
PSR Name	Call Signs					
Alabama	3					
Arkansas	6					
CA - North	21					
Colorado	2					
	24					
Florida	11					
Hawaii	2					
	4					
	6					
Indiana	2					
Iowa	3					
Kansas	2					
ME, NH, VT,MA, RI, CT*	2					
MD; DC; VA - Northern	7					
Minnesota*	3					
Mississippi	2					
Missouri	1					
Nebraska	1					
Nevada	1					
NJ, PA, DE	14					
North Carolina	2					
Oregon	2					
Pennsylvania*	1					
South Carolina	5					
Tennessee	2					
TX - Dallas	3					
Utah	2					
Virginia	3					
Wisconsin	1					
TX - Austin	2					
TX - Houston	9					
TX - Lubbock	3					
Chicago	8					
Grand Total	160					
	PSR Name Alabama Arkansas CA - North Colorado NY - Metro (CT, NJ, NY, PA) Florida Hawaii Idaho* Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas ME, NH, VT,MA, RI, CT* MD; DC; VA - Northern Minnesota* Mississippi Missouri Nebraska Nevada NJ, PA, DE North Carolina Oregon Pennsylvania* South Carolina Tennessee TX - Dallas Utah Virginia Wisconsin TX - Houston TX - Houston TX - Lubbock Chicago					

#### Frequency Proposal Reports for Waves 1-3, as of March 31, 2005

Status	Wave 1			Wave 2			Wave 3		
	1-120	Exp Band	NPSPAC	1-120	SE-ESMR	Exp Band	1-120	SE-ESMR	Exp Band
FPR Sent	84%	98%	99%	80%	86%	96%	82%	91%	74%
Under Prior Contract	8%	1%	0%	6%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%
In Border Zone	3%	1%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
EA/ESMR Related Call Signs	5%	0%	0%	9%	0%	2%	8%	3%	0%
Recent grants, revised proposals	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
FPRs in process (03/31/2005)	0%	0%	0%	1%	14%	2%	6%	6%	26%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

- \* PSR includes international border area, data may change depending on outcome of international agreement negotiation.
- a. Data for Channel 1-120 call signs excludes call signs that were under contract with Sprint Nextel prior to the start of reconfiguration and for which contracts are not going to be submitted to the TA for review and approval for Sprint Nextel credit. Data for Expansion Band call signs excludes call signs under prior contract and call signs for which licensees have elected not to reconfigure.
- b. Data includes call signs in the international border area. Data may change depending on international agreement negotiation outcomes.
- c. The current population of call signs has been adjusted for call signs cancelled without a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreemen (FRA), and incremented for any call signs added through pending applications. Licensees may independently cancel licenses or let them expire without entering into an FRA. TA, Sprint Nextel, and industry outreach efforts may also contribute to encouraging licensees no longer using licensees to unilaterally cancel them.
- d. 1-120 Data includes call signs with at least one primary fixed location authorized for frequencies the 851-854 MHz range with adequate geographic data to determine a Public Safety Region. Expansion Band data includes call signs with at least one primary fixed locations in the Expansion Band, as the Expansion Band may be defined in inside and outside the Southeast ESMR region, with adequate geographic data to determine a Public Safety Region. NPSPAC data includes call signs with fixed locations in the 866-869 MHz range with adequate geographic data to determine a Public Safety Region. Southeast ESMR Band data includes call signs with fixed locations in 858.5-862 MHz range within the Southeast ESMR region and with adequate geographic data to determine a Public Safety Region. Call signs with locations in multiple PSRs are counted for each PSR. Data may also include call signs authorized under a Special Temporary Authority if the STA is to operate pending the grant of a regular authorization.
- e. Data has been adjusted to reflect the change in the band-plan in the Atlanta area per the Memorandum Opinion and Order released October 5, 2005.

Appendix 5
Status of Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement Review, Per Wave, Per Region, as of March 31, 2006

Public		1-5 Days from	6-10 Days from	11-15 Days from	16-20 Days from	21 Days or More from	
Safety		Receipt	Receipt	Receipt	Receipt	Receipt	Total
Region	PSR Name	N	umber of Fr	equency Rec	onfiguration /	Agreements (	FRAs)
Wave 1	Subtotal	274			0	0	
	Multiregion	73	17	3	0	0	
6	Northern California	30	3	2	0	0	
7	Colorado	10	0	1	0	0	
8	Metropolitan, NYC Area (NY,NJ, CT)	27	5	0	0	0	
11	Hawaii	7	0	2	0	0	
13	Illinois	15	2	0	0	0	
14	Indiana	6	1	1	0	0	
19	New England	15	0	0	0	0	-
20	MD; DC; VA - Northern	8	5	0	0	0	
27	Nevada	19	2	1	0	0	
28	Eastern Pennsylvania	21	0	1	0	0	
35	Oregon	12	0	0	0	0	
41	Utah	5	2	0	0	0	
42	Virginia	8	1	1	0	0	
45	Wisconsin	6	1	0	0	0	
54	Southern Lake Michigan	12	3	0	0	0	-
Wave 2	Subtotal	104	12	2	1	0	
	Multiregion	30	4	2	0	0	
4	Arkansas	5	1	0	0	0	
12	Idaho*	3		0	0	0	
15	Iowa	3		0	0	0	_
16	Kansas	5		0	1	0	-
17	Kentucky	6		0	0	0	-
22	Minnesota	15	3	0	0	0	
24	Missouri	2	1	0	0	0	
25	Montana	2	0	0	0	0	
26	Nebraska	3		0	0	0	
32	North Dakota*	0		0	0	0	
34	Oklahoma	0		0	0	0	
38	South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	
39	Tennessee	14	1	0	0	0	
40	Texas (Central & Northeast)	5	0	0	0	0	
44	West Virginia	1	0	0	0	0	
46	Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	·
47	Puerto Rico	0	_	0	0	0	
48	USVI	0		0	0	0	_
49	Texas - Central (Austin Area)	1	1	0	0	0	
51	Texas - East (Houston Area)	3		0	0	0	_
52	Texas - Panhandle, High Plains & NW	6	0	0	0	0	6

Appendix 5
Status of Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement Review, Per Wave, Per Region, as of March 31, 2006

		1-5 Days	-	11-15 Days	-	21 Days or	
Public		from	from	from	from	More from	
Safety		Receipt	Receipt	Receipt	Receipt	Receipt	Total
Region	PSR Name				onfiguration A		
Wave 3	Subtotal	32	3	0	0	0	35
	Multiregion	6	0	0	0	0	6
1	Alabama	2	1	0	0	0	3
9	Florida	9	1	0	0	0	10
10	Georgia	3	0	0	0	0	3
18	Louisiana	2	1	0	0	0	3
23	Mississippi	4	0	0	0	0	4
31	North Carolina	5	0	0	0	0	5
37	South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Puerto Rico	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wave 4	Subtotal	17	0	0	0	0	17
	Multiregion	4	0	0	0	0	4
2	Alaska	3	0	0	0	0	3
3	Arizona*	5	0	0	0	0	5
5	CA - South*	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Michigan*	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	New Mexico*	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Eastern Upstate NY	1	0	0	0	0	1
33	Ohio*	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	Pennsylvania*	1	0	0	0	0	1
43	Washington	1	0	0	0	0	1
50	TX - El Paso*	2	0	0	0	0	2
53	TX - San Antonio*	0	0	0	0	0	0
54	MI portion of Chicago*	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	New York - Buffalo*	0	0	0	0	0	0
	aves 1 - 4	427	57	14		0	499

<sup>\*</sup> PSR includes international border area. Data may change depending on international agreement negotiation outcomes.

# Appendix 6 Summary of Deals that have Closed, as of April 28, 2006

Deal Name	Wave	TA Received Date	TA Status
J R Simplot Company	4	12/23/2005	Completed
State of Oregon	1	12/22/2005	Completed
City of Maplewood	2	01/03/2006	Completed
John Zenk	2	01/10/2006	Completed
Cargill Juice	3	01/03/2006	Completed
RAFT River Electric Corp	2	01/05/2006	Completed
Stuart R. Slater	1	12/23/2005	Completed
Lodi Unified School District	1	12/22/2005	Completed
RA Comm Inc.	1	01/10/2006	Completed
FirstView Communications	1	01/27/2006	Completed
Wireless Market Source	1	01/26/2006	Completed
Idaho Supreme Potatoes	2	02/03/2006	Completed
Billiou Ranage	1	02/07/2006	Completed
Nelda Lowery	1	02/15/2006	Completed
Marcia Stock	1	02/15/2006	Completed
Parrot Ranch Company	1	02/15/2006	Completed
Clifford Broman & Sons Trucking Inc	1	02/16/2006	Completed
NEBCO	2	02/27/2006	Completed
John Kuypers	1	02/27/2006	Completed
Coast Hotels and Casinos	1	02/27/2006	Completed
Electronic Specialties Inc	2	03/08/2006	Completed
Time Warner Entertainment	3	03/27/2006	Completed
Lyondell Citgo Refining	2	03/27/2006	Completed
Harold L. Johnson	4	03/27/2006	Completed
R. David Crader	1	04/17/2006	Completed
First Student Inc (MN)	2	04/17/2006	Completed
Eric McMahon	2	04/17/2006	Completed
Vico Construction	1	04/17/2006	Completed
Herby Clinton	1	04/17/2006	Completed
Gold Star FS Inc	1	04/17/2006	Completed
Taylor, Eugene J	1	04/24/2006	Completed
Transit Mix Concrete	1	01/24/2006	Pending TA Review
Lloyd Jokers	1	02/07/2006	Pending TA Review
Lees Summit Board of Education	2	12/06/2005	Pending TA Review
Ruffin Gaming LLC	1	04/24/2006	Pending TA Review
Fischer, Craig D	2	04/24/2006	Pending TA Review
High Peak Communications LLC	1	04/21/2006	Pending TA Review
STEIER, TIM	2	04/21/2006	Pending TA Review
Plantings by the Sea	1	04/25/2006	Pending TA Review
Adam Boyar	4	04/25/2006	Pending TA Review
Dorothy Taylor	1	04/27/2006	Pending TA Review
Metro Communications	2	04/27/2006	Pending TA Review
Raul Espinoza	2	04/27/2006	Pending TA Review
Triple D Communications	2	04/27/2006	Pending TA Review
Sunset Scavenger	1	04/27/2006	Pending TA Review
Keller, Mike L.	4	04/27/2006	Pending TA Review
Marco Polo Rebanding	1	04/27/2006	Pending TA Review
Ohio Valley Gas	1	04/27/2006	Pending TA Review
Binder Machinery Corporation	1	04/27/2006	Pending TA Review
Seba Bros Farms Inc	2	04/27/2006	Pending TA Review

Note - "Completed" means that the TA has reviewed and certified the reconfiguration as complete, pending any results of the TA's post-close review rights or external audits.

Appendix 7
Status of Negotiations for Licensees in Channels 1-120: Milestones Completed by Number of Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements, Per Wave, Per Region, as of April 28, 2006

Public Safety Region	Number of Channels 1-120 FRAs (a)	Sprint Nextel Initiated Contact with Licensee (a) Number of	Sprint Nextel and Licensee Reach Pre-Contract Agreement (a)  Frequency Reconfi	FRAs Submitted to TA guration Agreement	by TA
Wave 1	354	354	338	335	335
Multiregion	102	102	97	95	95
PSR Undetermined (b)	0	0	0	0	0
6	35	35	35	35	35
7	11	11	11	11	11
8	33	33	33	33	33
11	9	9	9	9	9
13	18	18	17	17	17
14	8	8	8	8	8
19	15	15	15	15	15
20	17	17	14	13	13
27	22	22	22	22	22
28	24	24	23	23	23
35	14	14	13		13
41	7	7	7	7	7
42	15	15	10	10	10
45	7	7	7	7	7
54	17	17	17	17	17
Wave 2	211	211	174	161	150
Multiregion	69	69	56	51	46
PSR Undetermined (b)	09	09	0	0	0
4	9	9	8	8	8
12	4	4	4	4	4
15	5	5	4	4	4
16	9	9	8	8	8
17		9	9	9	22
22 24	27 11	27		23	4
	4	<u>11</u>	4	8	3
25	4		4	4	4
26 32	0	0	0	4 0	0
34	3	3		2	2
38	3	3	2	1	1
	_				16
39	26 11	26 11	18	16	6
40	11		7	6	1
44 46	0	1 0	0		0
49	2	2	2	2	2
51	6	6	4		4
52	8	8	6		6
Wave 3	316	<u> </u>	67	50	46
Multiregion	81	80	9		6
PSR Undetermined (b)	0	0	0		0
	_				
1	29	29	7	5	4
9	61	58	22	16	15
10	52	39	7	7	6
18	30	30	5	4	3
23	23	23	5		4
31	17	17	9		7
37	8	6	1	0	0
47 48	9	9	2		1 0

#### Appendix 7

Status of Negotiations for Licensees in Channels 1-120: Milestones Completed by Number of Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements, Per Wave, Per Region, as of April 28, 2006

	Number of Channels 1-120	Sprint Nextel Initiated Contact with Licensee (a)	Sprint Nextel and Licensee Reach Pre-Contract Agreement (a)	FRAs Submitted to	by TA
Public Safety Region	FRAs (a)		<u> </u>	guration Agreement	` '
Wave 4	157	75	35		18
Multiregion	38	17	8	3	3
PSR Undetermined (b)	0	0	0	0	0
2	10	8	6	3	3
3	33	16	12	8	7
5	16	1	0	0	0
21	3	0	0	0	0
29	8	7	1	0	0
30	7	5	2	1	1
33	13	4	0	0	0
36	3	3	1	1	1
43	8	1	1	1	1
50	7	5	3	2	2
53	6	6	0	0	0
54	5	2	1	0	0
55	0	0	0	0	0
Wave Undetermined (c)	45	34	4	0	0
TOTAL	1083	971	618	565	549

- (a) Sprint Nextel is the data source for this column. The figures have not been verified by the TA.
- (b) PSR or Wave Undetermined TA is unable to accurately assign a PSR based on data provided.
- (c) Wave Undetermined Deals which have no call signs associated with them. The proper rebanding Wave category will be determined upon the TA receiving the associated call sign assets or the FRA.

Appendix 8
Status of Reconfiguration for Licensees in Channels 1-120: Milestones Completed by Number of Call Signs, Per Wave, Per Region, as of April 28, 2006

Public Safety		Updated Call Sign Population as of 4/28/06	Sprint Nextel Initiated Contact with Licensee	Sprint Nextel and Licensee Reach Pre-Contract Agreement	Sprint Nextel Submits Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement to TA	TA Approves Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement	Through 4/28/06 Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Submitted to FCC	Through 4/28/06 Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Granted	Sprint Nextel Clears Frequencies	Incumbent Clears Frequencies	Through 4/28/06 Call Signs with Surrender Applications Submitted to FCC	Through 4/28/06 Call Signs with Surrender Applications Granted
Region	PSR Name						umber of Call Signs					
Wave 1	Subtotal	841				730		637	488			
7	CA - North Colorado	110	110	104	105	105	83 27	79 22	69	36 10	42	
-	NY - Metro (CT, NJ, NY, PA)	27	27 96	27 96	27	27 96			20			
8 11	Hawaii	96 55	96 55	55	96 55	55		86 50	42 48	32	31	20
13	Illinois	39		35		35		24	25	14	14	ŭ
14	Indiana	27	27	27	27	27		27	25	14	13	
19	ME, NH, VT,MA, RI, CT*	82		50		50		38	31	11	13	
20	MD: DC: VA - Northern	66	66	56		54		48	28	3	15	
27	Nevada	95	86	63	63	63		63	62	44	47	
28	NJ, PA, DE	67	66	66		66		64	28	24	26	
35	Oregon	55	55	46		46		43	46	17		
41	Utah	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	16		7	6
42	Virginia	52	47	31	36	36	36	29	14	9	16	1
45	Wisconsin	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	12	11	4
54	Chicago	36	36	36	36	36	33	30	21	12	13	9
Wave 2	Subtotal	486	459	360	350	315	292	244	192	122	129	71
4	Arkansas	38	38	36		27		8	11	5	5	4
12	Idaho*	15	13	13	13	13		8	7	6	7	5
15	Iowa	17		11	11	11		11	10	10	6	5
16	Kansas	33		25		26		22	23	5	4	4
17	Kentucky	16		14		15		11	10	6	8	2
22	Minnesota*	75		64	64	61	57	46	29	26	29	14
24	Missouri	38		29	29	23		21	20	5	6	6
25	Montana*	20	16	16		15		8	12	6	8	3
26	Nebraska	10		6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	4
32	North Dakota*	13	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
34	Oklahoma	26	26	22	22	11	11	11	8	0	1	0
38 39	South Dakota	5	5 44	36	1	1	1	I .	1 25	0	25	0
	Tennessee TX - Dallas	44	38	36	33 31	33 28		30 24	25	25	25	6
40	West Virginia	38	38	31	31	3	26	24	6	3	3	3
46	Wyoming	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	- 0	1	1	0
49	TX - Austin	11	11	7	6	- 1	6	6	1	1	1	1
51	TX - Houston	41	41	27	23	22	ŭ	17	6	9	7	5
52	TX - Lubbock	42	41	15		12		12	11	6	7	3

Public Safety Region	PSR Name	Updated Call Sign Population as of 4/28/06	Sprint Nextel Initiated Contact with Licensee	Sprint Nextel and Licensee Reach Pre-Contract Agreement	Sprint Nextel Submits Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement to TA	TA Approves Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement	Through 4/28/06 Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Submitted to FCC umber of Call Signs	Through 4/28/06 Call Signs with Reconfiguration Applications Granted	Sprint Nextel Clears Frequencies	Incumbent Clears Frequencies	Through 4/28/06 Call Signs with Surrender Applications Submitted to FCC	Through 4/28/06 Call Signs with Surrender Applications Granted
Wave 3	Subtotal	563	455	96	81	69		40	29	20	18	10
1	Alabama	10	10	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	0	0
9	Florida	201	173	35	32	24	22	19	10	10	10	8
10	Georgia	50	48	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
18	Louisiana	84	71	26	19	15	10	2	2	1	1	0
23	Mississippi	25	23	14	13	13	9	6	7	2	2	0
31	North Carolina	67	61	13	10	11	9	8	7	4	4	1
37	South Carolina	37	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Puerto Rico	66	20	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
48	USVI	23	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wave 4	Subtotal	827	215	66	42	36	32	30	30	20	22	10
2	Alaska*	35	14	12	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	0
3	Arizona*	77	52	20	15	13	12	11	9	4	6	4
5	CA - South*	139	7	4	4	2	1	1	3	1	1	1
	Michigan*	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	New Mexico*	25	22	8	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
	NY - Albany*	95	16	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
	Ohio*	104	10	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
36	Pennsylvania*	12	7	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	0
43	Washington*	157	60	8	8	5	4	4	8	3	3	2
50	TX - El Paso*	11	9	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1
53	TX - San Antonio*	16	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
54	MI portion of Chicago*	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	New York - Buffalo*	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Gulf of Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62	Marianas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Guam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for W	aves 1-4	2717	1931	1248	1203	1150	1062	951	739	411	456	239

- a. Data for Channel 1-120 call signs does not include call signs in Wave 1 and Wave 2 that were under contract with Sprint Nextel prior to the start of reconfiguration and for which contracts are not going to be submitted to the TA for review and approval for Sprint Nextel credit.
- b. Data includes call signs in the international border area. Data may change depending on international agreement negotiation outcomes.
- c. The current population of call signs has been adjusted for call signs cancelled without a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement (FRA), and incremented for any call signs added through pending applications.

  Licensees may independently cancel licenses or let them expire without entering into an FRA. TA, Sprint Nextel and industry outreach efforts may also contribute to encouraging licensees not longer using licenses to unilaterally cancel them.
- d. Data includes call signs with fixed locations authorized for frequencies the 851-854 MHz range with adequate geographic data to determine a Public Safety Region.
- e. Data for the call sign population and applications may not match data for Sprint Nextel milestones due to call signs expiring or being cancelled without contracts. Also, certain FRAs may include call signs undergoing reconfiguration that may be cancelled or assigned without frequencies being changed.
- f. Data between Incumbent Clear and Notify and Surrender Applications Submitted to FCC does not match as expected due primarily to a data lag common in Sprint Nextel milestone updates received by the TA. This results in what appears to be more FCC Filings than Incumbents Cleared Frequencies which is impossible.

#### Appendix 9

# Stakeholder Outreach Activities:

# Meetings and Conferences Attended by TA Representatives For Quarter Ended March 31, 2006

#### January 2006:

Louisiana APCO/NENA Conference
Northern California Chapter of APCO (NAPCO) Chapter Meeting
NPSTC Meeting
CPRA Meeting
Florida Region DSTF region 5 Meeting
South Carolina APCO/NENA Chapter Meeting
Broward County/Palm Beach Rebanding Meeting
APCO Winter Summit
Alabama APCO Quarterly Meeting

# February 2006:

**CPRA Meeting** 

# March 2006:

Texas APCO Chaper Meeting
CPRA Meeting
NPSTC Meeting
Georgia APCO Spring Conference
North Carolina Licensee Meeting

# Appendix 10 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC Fees and Expenses through March 31, 2006

		Year-to-Date	Inception-to-Date
	Quarter Ending	through	through
	Mar. 31, 2006	Mar. 31, 2006	Mar. 31, 2006
Fees:			
Reconfiguration Management	\$1,991,892	\$1,991,892	\$7,926,348
Frequency Management *	651,338	651,338	\$2,615,713
Financial Management	696,495	696,495	\$2,973,331
General Counsel/Regulatory Management **	1,691,979	1,691,979	\$7,492,607
Stakeholder Relationship Management	1,118,730	1,118,730	\$6,234,811
TA Systems Support	462,636	462,636	\$4,382,845
Program Management Support	615,773	615,773	\$3,673,818
Subtotal	\$7,228,842	\$7,228,842	\$35,299,473
Expenses:	\$907,157	\$907,157	\$2,440,579
Total Labor and Expenses	\$8,135,998	\$8,135,998	\$37,740,052

<sup>\*</sup> During the quarters ending December 31, 2004 and March 31, 2005, all Frequency Management fees were reported under the Reconfiguration Management functional team.

<sup>\*\*</sup> In the Q3 2005 & Q4 2005 quarterly reports, fees for the quarter ending September 30, 2005 for the General Counsel/Regulatory Management were mistakenly reported at \$1,201,415. The correct fees were \$1,197,658.